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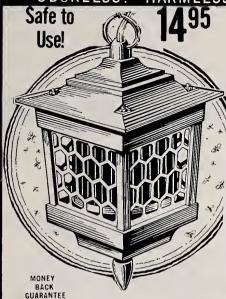




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Commander's Message

We Must Never Forget



Michael J. Kogutek

Again, as in years past, The American Legion is involved in the federal budget appropriations hearings on the Hill, which will determine how much money is to be allocated for the rehabilitation and medical care of veterans. While the outlook for adequate funding is not altogether encouraging, it is considerably better now than it was several months ago when there were plans to chop more than \$1 billion from the VA's budget. Such a drastic cutespecially in view of the VA's ever declining percentage of federal allocations—would have meant unprecedented curtailment of veteran services and programs.

Now, partly as a result of our testimony to Congress and meetings with the President and his staff, many of the proposed cuts will not become reality, though some cutbacks are inevitable in these austere times. We are currently doing everything possible to ensure that these unavoidable reductions are so distributed that they will not adversely affect vital programs administered by the Veterans Administration.

Fortunately, we were prepared for the Administration's budget proposals and we had done our homework and prepared our arguments before the budget hearings began. Every program funded by the government has come under close scrutiny and we expected it to be necessary to defend

that portion of the national budget earmarked for veterans.

As taxpavers, veterans and Legionnaires, we support fiscal responsibility wholeheartedly. After all, we have as much interest and as much at stake as anyone in the fiscal well being of the United States. We believe government should live within its means to ensure a vibrant economy which will benefit every citizen. Yet, we also strongly believe that those funds which are available should be carefully apportioned to programs that support and protect the American way of life.

Thus, when national spending priorities are finally set, we believe veterans assistance programs should rank second only to national defense. For if the nation's highest priority is national defense, then its second priority must be the servicemen and women who serve today and served in years past. To do less is to break the trust that veterans placed in the nation when they answered the clarion call to service.

"The American Legion will continue to fight for a fair deal for every veteran."

We also believe that veterans programs—already inadequately funded -should not be treated as optional expenditures. Veterans have earned their benefits by their sacrifices made willingly when our nation called upon them during times of conflict. The VA programs, therefore, are not "giveaway" programs. Far from it. They are a part of the national debt, a national responsibility which cannot be shirked as long as any federal money is spent on any type of government program.

Accordingly, The American Legion will continue to fight for a fair deal for every veteran. Ours is a just and honorable mission firmly rooted in America's pledge to care for those who shall have borne the battle, and for their widows and orphans. As Theodore Roosevelt once noted: "A man who is good enough to shed (Continued on page 24)

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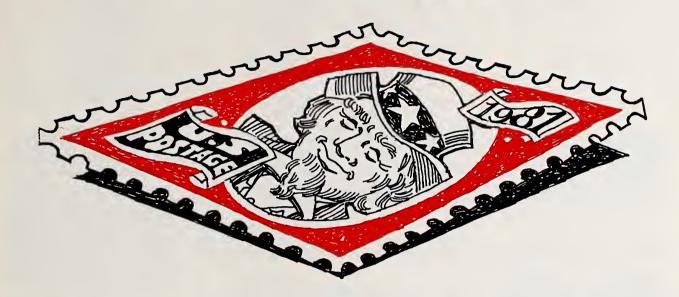
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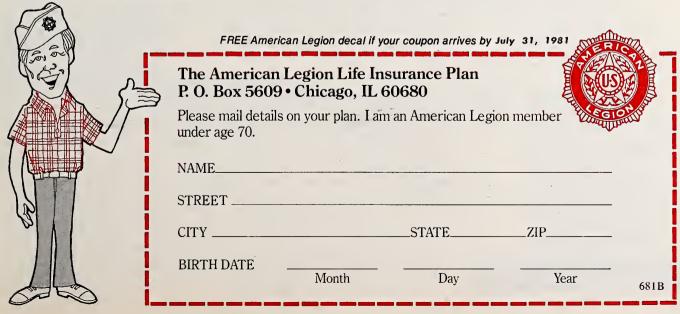


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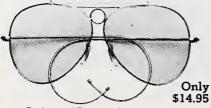
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Threat of War

• Ernest Cuneo has made a masterly analysis of the Soviet battle plan in "Threat Of War; Spoils Of Victory" (April). We must assess carefully the implications set forth in this article and heed the warning signals. If we do not, as was the fate of Czarist Russia in 1914, we stand on the edge of an abyss from which we could not prevent total destruction of our way of life, due primarily to our inability to face up to the facts and take rightful action.

JACK BLUCERT Montgomery, AL

• Thank you for Ernest Cuneo's most revealing presentation of our menacing situation vis-a-vis Russia. Our dedicated plan must be to forego social spending in favor of defense to protect our future and American democracy.

J. BRIDGMAN Edina, MN

Medication Controversy

 Although I agree with his basic philosophy, I take exception to part of Vernon Pizer's article "The Medication Controversy" (April). Relative to Laetrile, there are striking misstatements. First, it is not a drug. It has never been "touted," or in any way advertised as a cure. Of course it contains a poison; so is strychnine a poison. The author persists in referring to Laetrile as "a drug with no demonstrable curative properties." I give Mr. Pizer full credit for an otherwise commendable article, but I must speak out in condemnation of his apparent extreme bias against a product about which he obviously knows little.

N. D. Hammel Horshoe Bend, AR

• I take exception to Vernon Pizer's "The Medication Controversy." The article mentioned 17 deaths due to Laetrile. Can Mr. Pizer tell us how many deaths annually are caused by aspirin?

LLOYD C. GRAVES North Tonawanda, NY

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Bilingual Education

• In reading the article "Bilingual Education: Hoax of the '80s" (March), I was appalled by the bustling anti-immigrant sentiment evidenced by Dr. Rafferty's comments. I agree that the federal government should not involve itself in local educational decisions. However, I cannot agree with the monolithically negative position he has adopted, such as "this country does not owe its new immigrants the rights and benefits extended its citizens because no one invited these pioneers to people our lands." History gives testimony that the vast numbers of people who came to America and laid its foundation as a nation, came not by invitation, but rather of free will born of determination to pursue cultural, religious and other freedoms, including that of education. This article is distinguished by the chauvinism and prejudice which it projects, and as such is in direct conflict with the basic principles and ideals of this great American nation of immigrants.

> MICHAEL A. BRUGAL Manhasset, NY

• Thanks for Dr. Max Rafferty's informative and authentic article "Bilingual Education: Hoax of the '80s." I wish everyone in my area could read this revealing account of the economic and cultural dangers inherent in bilingual teaching in America. However, it probably would go over like a lead balloon in this section of Latin-American influence. Keep up the good work—eventually right will triumph.

HARRY BURTON SPURRIER

Tucson, AZ

•I wish to congratulate Dr. Max Rafferty for his brilliant and most convincing article "Bilingual Education: Hoax of the '80s." As an American by choice, meaning that I am an immigrant, I strongly resent and oppose the Supreme Court's decision which established the right to bilingual education. It should be borne in mind that at no time has America forced immigrants to learn English, nor have we forced citizenship on them. Both of these have been accepted or rejected by choice, and I suggest that in order to keep the

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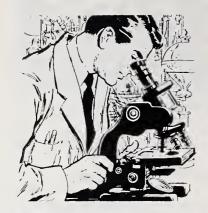
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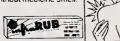




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News to Use

Retiring Can Be Tricky Business

Retiring these days is a tricky business. So go over your options with your company's personnel director and your local Social Security Board. Remember, Social Security will be important to you because it involves tax-free income, adjusted for inflation, plus Medicare. Broadly, you will find:

Early Retirement: If you call it quits at 62, your Social Security benefits will be reduced 20 percent vs. retirement at 65; at 63, the cut is 14 percent; at 64, 7 percent. However, because you are getting an early start on payments, you will be ahead of the game in total benefits (vs. retirement at 65) for 15 years.

On the other hand, ask yourself 1) how will the pension from my employer—if any—be affected, and 2) how do I handle medical insurance until age 65 when I am eligible for Medicare?

Retire and Work: You can earn up to \$5,500 this year without affecting Social Security benefits if your age is between 65 and 72; under 65, the ceiling is \$4,080; over 72, there's no penalty. Excess earnings are docked at the rate of \$1 for every \$2 earned, and will affect a dependent spouse's benefits as well.

Meantime such earnings are not, of course, net gains. You have to pay taxes on them and make Social Security contributions, even though you are drawing S.S. benefits.

Deferred Retirement: If you're thinking about working full time past 65, figure out how much you can earn without wiping out your Social Security benefits entirely. Here's the formula: Double your expected annual benefits and add \$5,500—i.e., if your benefits will be, say, \$7,500, double that to \$15,000 and add \$5,500 for a wipe-out point of \$20,500. Of course, many other factors aside from Social Security should affect your decision. Only you know what they are.

Keep In Touch With Cordless Phone

The latest innovation in telephones that promises to get wide acceptance is the cordless phone (sales this year are expected to hit 800,000). As the name implies, you can carry the device around with you—up to 500 or 600 feet—without dragging along an extension wire.

Here's how it works: You plug a "base station" into a phone jack plus an AC outlet. The "station" picks up calls from the phone line and relays them to a portable handset, somewhat like a walkie-talkie. The handset itself comes in two versions 1) a receiver only, priced in a range of \$100-\$150, and 2) a receiver with dial-out capability, retailing for around \$200 and up.

But note: You have to advise the phone company that you are installing a cordless phone and that it is a model with FCC acceptance. The range of the phone is apt to vary with local conditions, and competition is starting to bring prices down, so shop around before you buy.

Trends Making News

Worth noting:

• In the wake of recent disastrous hotel and nursing home fires, sales of fire-alert systems (notably smoke detectors)—which had been in the doldrums—are booming again. But prices will likely remain at low levels. Reason: The big makers who survived the lean days don't want to hike tags to the point where a lot of small competitors are invited back into the field. Reminder: Check your present alarm system to be sure it's working properly.

• Don't rely on Medicare if you are taking a trip abroad. It's generally not good outside the United States. Also, foreign nations that often have provided tourists with cheap (or even free) medical services are starting to post stiffer prices. Britain, for instance, is doing away with free hospitalization for visitors and charging \$150 to about \$450 per day. Be sure you carry adequate insurance of your own: also take along a supply of necessary drugs because foreign concoctions can be dubious.

-By Edgar A. Grunwald

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Big Issues

Should the U.S.

Put The Dollar Back On The Gold Standard?



Rep. Philip M. Crane (R-IL)

Yes. The Great Depression shaped the economic policies of nearly half a century. Now the Great Inflation is reshaping those policies. Inflation has raged in double digits for two consecutive years—a situation we hoped never to see again when it last occurred during WWI.

The virulence of this inflationary cycle stems from fiscal and monetary practices of the federal govern-

ment, which spends more than it collects. To finance the deficit, the government has resorted to printing more money. Consequently, the value of money depreciates because there is so much of it relative to the goods it buys. The government calls this "monetization of debt." You and I would call it "counterfeiting." It has the same result: the paper printed by the government is worth less, and everyone loses buying power.

The only way to stop inflation is to curtail these bad habits and force government to subscribe to a standard where money cannot be manipulated. The gold standard does that. It restricts the power of governments to create excessive amounts of currency to cover their largess. History has repeatedly shown that gold is an effective check on profligate governments. From the ratification of the Constitution to the Civil War, our nation enjoyed the benefits of a gold standard where contracts were certain and savings were not depreciating daily. This condition encouraged capital formation. At the same time, the Consumer Price Index did not rise or fall more than a single point in a year for decades. The gold standard guaranteed that the paper currency retained its value.

Despite this demonstration of monetary stability, contemporary government policymakers complain that another gold standard would leave them no "flexibility to fine-tune" the economy. By this they mean they want the power to issue paper money according to their view of America's need for money. Unfortunately, it is precisely this "fine-tuning" which causes inflation.

Objections to the classical gold restraint on money creation, such as "we do not have enough gold" or "other gold-mining nations could hold us hostage when we need money," are not supported by the experience after the Civil War when the United States returned to the gold standard. Americans then learned that these were fallacious arguments because the gold itself rarely changed hands in consumer transactions. It was most important as a standard, a measure, of contract value that did not waver with political whim. If we wish to finally defeat inflation, we must again make money a stable standard—that is, "as good as gold."



Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D-WI)

NO. A return to the gold standard has an appeal on the surface—because it would prevent the government from printing money on whim—but in practice it would only compound our economic problems.

In the first place, it would make the value of the dollar depend on how much gold is mined and traded. As a result, it would tie our hands in dealing with inflation and recession and put us at the mercy of

events and actions abroad. If new gold were found, for example, our money supply could increase, and our economy would suffer a burst of inflation. This happened time and again in the 19th century, when we adhered to a gold standard and gold discoveries were made from Africa to Alaska. On the other side of the coin, whenever the gold supply dried up, relative to demand, farmers, industry and consumers ran out of purchasing power. Recession, and even depression, were the inevitable consequences.

The truly chilling prospect is that we could be held hostage not only to the discovery of gold but to deliberate actions of foreign governments. Just our luck, it happens that the Soviet Union and South Africa—neither of them our most reliable allies—are the major producers of gold in the world today. Both are capable of making mischief for us. And they could: by pumping gold into world commerce, they could bring on an American depression. Moreover, a gold standard would mean that we would be guaranteeing these producers dollars for their gold anytime they wanted; we would also be providing them the profits for their production. As a result, South Africa and Soviet Russia could become, in effect, the world's biggest recipients of U.S. foreign aid.

Another problem with the gold standard is that it could cause high interest rates across the nation. Advancement of our economy's real output would call for increases in the money supply. However, a finite supply of gold inhibits this expansion. The Federal Reserve would be tempted to raise interest rates to attract gold from abroad.

If we wanted more dollars in circulation to finance economic growth, there would be a temptation to modify the gold standard so that, for example, only 90 percent of a dollar would have to be backed by gold. Another time, we could lower the standard to 80 percent. The government would be just as capable as it is today of running deficits; the Federal Reserve Board could still issue bonds and incur debts. All in all, a return to the gold standard, far from solving our current economic problems, would create a lot more.



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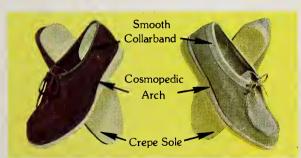
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Sponsors Laser Catch Up

Sen. Howell Heflin (D-AL) has warned Congress the United States is five years behind the Russians in the development of laser technology, and he is pushing for creation of a National Laser Institute to help the United States catch up.

Heflin's bill, which has the support of a bloc of senators, would establish the institute as part of the executive branch of government with the goal of coordinating and accelerating U.S. research and development for both civilian and military laser technology.

The laser—which stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation—is being used as a surgical scalpel in eye surgery and has great potential in the production of electricity through fusion and as a powerful technological weapon, according to Heflin.

He says that some day a laser beam could be fired from the United States to destroy a missile just after it was launched from Russia or other enemy countries.

Functional Illiteracy Plagues U.S.

Every day, federal, state and local governments pour out streams of information which, in theory, is comprehensible to 99 percent of our citizenry. Their messages may not be understood, however, since it was recently disclosed that one out of five Americans is "functionally illiterate," lacking in the simplest skills necessary to read instructions or express themselves in writing.

Under the Basic Skills Improvement Program authorized in 1979, Congress sought to raise the level of reading, writing, counting and speaking skills of our citizens—and especially young Americans whose functional illiteracy is a barrier to getting a job or enrolling in the armed forces.

However, the recession, unemployment and reduction of agency budgets have piled new roadblocks in the way of accomplishment of the program's goals. Meanwhile, the influx of tens of thousands of illegal aliens has thrown all literacy estimates into question. We may even be losing ground, according to some observers.

Flood of Bills to Curb Alien Flow

Congress is flooded with bills designed to halt or limit immigration. Sponsors of the legislation claim that more than 800,000 immigrants—illegal and legal—crossed our borders in 1980 and that it is the biggest surge of newcomers in 50 years.

Most proponents to curb immigration appear to be getting behind a proposal which sets the level of legal aliens allowed in the U.S. at 350,000 a year, provides fines and punishment for employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens and increases the personnel on the U.S. Border Patrol.

Backers of the measure estimate that there are 5 to 10 million illegal aliens living in the U.S. who, removed from the work force, would lower the U.S. unemployment rate to 4 percent from the present level of about 7 percent.

Immigration reform advocates seem to have the support of most Americans, based on surveys showing overwhelming majorities in favor of tighter alien controls.

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Tax-Use Challenge—"The taxing power of government must be used to provide revenues for legitimate government purposes. It must not be used to regulate the economy or bring about social change. We've tried that and surely must be able to see it doesn't work." President Ronald Reagan.

Political System Questioned—"Would it not be better if we had a system that would draw in women and minority delegates because each had an intellectual and political contribution to make, rather than because the party wants superficial proof that it is broad and fair?" Terry Sanford, president, Duke Univ.

Revival of Pacifism—"... We are even hearing in other countries the contemptible 'Better Red than dead' slogan of a generation ago." Richard V. Allen, Nat'l Security adviser.

People Understand Risk—"... The desire for absolute safety as far as science and technology are concerned is not rational. People don't impose that absolute requirement on everything else they do; in fact, people intuitively understand risk. When you cross a street ... you make a judgment as to whether you're going to make it or not. Most of the time you are right—but every once in a while you 'get stung by an unexpected event . .." Walter R. Lynn, professor, Cornell Univ. Advice To Regulators—"Don't just stand there. Undo something." Murray Weidenbaum, chairman, Council of Economic Advisors.

Focus Is On Soviets—"... A great deal of what we're saying and doing today is focused on the Soviet problem. I want to suggest that that emphasis is a direct consequence of the dangerous trends which have resulted in the recent past from Soviet activity. It does no good to pretend in our policies or our proclamations that that is not the most serious threat to world peace that we're facing today." Sec'y of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. Highway Death Rate—"... It is worth noting that the highway death rate today is highest in those states that have the poorest enforcement records and lowest in those where the law is strictly enforced ..." Rep. James Howard (D-NJ).

Clarion Call—"We see the Soviet Union increasing its military power and making inroads into the Third World... Under such circumstances, the countries that share common values such as freedom and democracy should strengthen their solidarity and cooperation to ensure peace, with the U.S. playing the central role..." Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Japan.

A Challenge To Science—"...it is simply not possible with all the animals in the world to go through new chemicals in the blind way that we have at the present time, and reach credible conclusions about the hazards to human health..." Dr. Joshua Lederberg, president, Rockefeller Univ.

The Mysterious Senses—"There's no such thing as taste or light or color in the world. These are just electro-magnetic vibrations, ordinary photons. They're just purely physical things but in order to perceive them as light or color, or sound or smell or taste or pain . . . all of this is created out of brain events by some mysterious process we don't understand." Sir John Eccles, neurobiologist and Nobel Prize winner for medicine.

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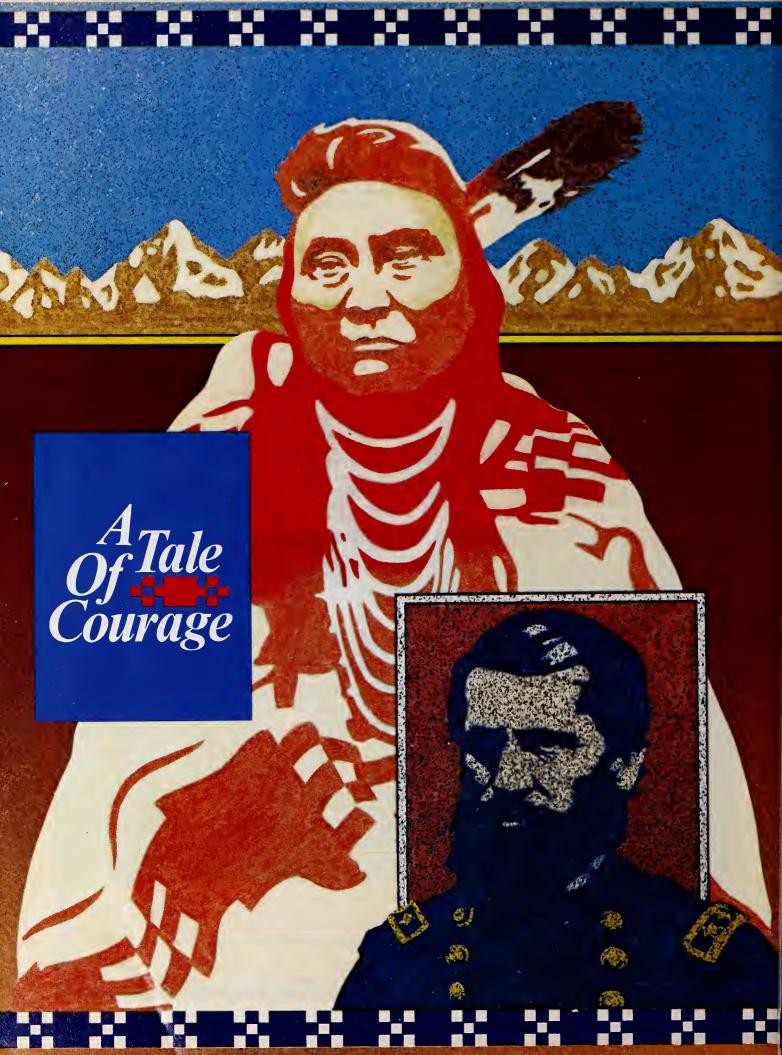
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The hero of a forgotten war, Chief Joseph made his people's plight a national issue

By Sterling G. Slappey

In the Northwest where Idaho and Montana meet Canada, one can still leave the high roads and walk along the streambeds and among the cairns marking the graves of Indians, cavalrymen, infantrymen and early settlers. Whoever they were—and today, a century after they fell, few recall their names—they fought a grisly, nasty war which is now virtually forgotten.

It was a war with no glory and little justification; a war that produced only one hero and he, an Indian chief, was the loser. That warrior was Hinmaton Yalaktit, known as Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe.

The Nez Perce Indian War began on July 27, 1877, and ended 76 days later. It consisted mainly of pitched battles and skirmishes during a 1,321-mile chase by soldiers and armed settlers after Joseph's Nez Perce. This "trail of tears" began when the Nez Perce tribe was ordered by federal authorities to vacate their traditional hunting grounds near what is now Lewiston, ID, so white settlers and miners could have the Indian lands. Joseph refused to move to less desirable lands and chose instead to flee to the buffalo country to the east. Every step of his flight was followed by the pounding hoofbeats of pursuing Army units under the command of Gen. Oliver O. Howard and Col. Nelson A. Miles.

The force of Joseph's character, leadership and exceptional military skills for a time kept the Nez Perce moving ahead of the soldiers. The warriors fled, stopped to fight, and fled again. Joseph chose advantageous battle sites, sensed when to send his small band forward and when to call it back. Invariably he was in the vortex and, when there, he was calm and patient.

Joseph was an uncommon man possessed of innate kindness even toward the settlers who were, in the vernacular of the day, "Indian haters." Years after the war, one of his former captives wrote: "The chief sat by the fire, somber and silent, foreseeing in his gloomy meditations possibly the unhappy ending of his campaign. The noble red man we read of was more easily impersonated in this Indian than in any I have ever met . . . Grave and dignified, he looked a chief."

And he was. Only a natural leader with a strong military instinct could have kept his people together for so long and over so much distance. The flight was punishing, especially toward the end when the Northwest cold joined forces with the Army to create misery and death. Many Indians were hungry, sick, wounded or freezing. Warriors, women and children died by the scores. Tepees and lodges were burned, old and wounded

"Let my people go to the buffalo country in peace."

were left to die and parents carried their children until they dropped.

Always there was a rush. A rush to ford a river before the troopers closed in. A rush to fortify. A rush to kill game and catch fish to feed the band that numbered slightly more than a thousand in the beginning but became smaller by the day. Moccasins and clothing wore out but there was no time for repairs—no time for anything except to flee.

This was the trek, the running battle, the fluid war which ended 2½ months later, not in the buffalo country of Wyoming and southern Idaho, but near the Canadian border.

Joseph maintained a tight command. He permitted no scalping and when troopers were captured he would usually send them back unharmed. Often he would send messages with them to Army commanders: "Let my people go to the buffalo country in peace."

But there was to be no peace. And losses would be heavy, due mainly to the Indians' lack of mobility. Old people and children had to be protected and this tied down scores of warriors.

At the Battle of Clearwater, Joseph was emerging as the main battle chief. The Indian force was still fragmented, however, and this was a factor in the Indian defeat, along with Army weaponry and infantry. Indians tried to turn the Army flank during the two days of fighting and were repulsed. Army lines held and then advanced, artillery shot sprinkling among the warriors. Joseph recognized that the line of Army troopers was an insurmountable obstacle and he most wisely put a stream between himself and Howard, and began his retreat. He left 23 dead, 40 badly wounded and 40 captured. These were heavy losses from a force of 1,000.

Then came the Battle of Big Hole, a 24-hour action in which both sides lost heavily, especially among leaders. Neither wanted to continue. Nez Perce troubles began when other chiefs, disregarding Joseph's deployment orders, were surprised by an early morning attack. Rearguard sentinels had not been staked out as Joseph wished. There was hand-tohand combat with fists, clubs, rifle butts and stones; losses among the Nez Perce were heavy early on. Slowly, however, Joseph astutely grouped his warriors in small fighting groups and, after many hours under his command, the Nez Perce pushed the troopers back. He probed and probed and finally threw the troopers off balance, thereby, at least, avoiding a defeat. A late rally by the troopers failed to achieve much because Joseph would not let

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Soon, Mom will be able to assign kitchen and cleaning chores to the friendly family robot.

ROBOTS: There's One In Your FUTURE

Friendly mutts may soon be replaced as "man's best friend"

By Donald J. Newman

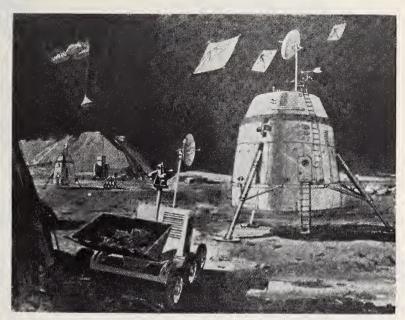
After a quick breakfast prepared and served by the family robot, Mr. America dashes off to work at a steel fabricating plant. Business has been booming since the company began importing steel from mills in space. Even the job has been more enjoyable since he was promoted to supervisor of the robot crew that now mans the forge that once bored him to death.

Robots have eliminated a great deal of drudgery from Mrs. America's life as well. After breakfast, she programs the household robot to clean up the breakfast dishes, vacuum the floors and order the week's groceries. Before leaving home for the day, she punches a series of buttons on a computerized control panel that will operate a dozen appliances while she's gone. A steady supply of electricity has been no problem since automated solar power stations began beaming power to earth from their orbits hundreds of miles above the planet.

A peek into the 25th century? Hardly. The pro-

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A robot may be nothing more than a computer controlled crane (left), such as this one in the die casting industry, or it may be a complex "miner" (right) programmed to locate and mine minerals on the moon.

liferation of robots in the world since their introduction 25 years ago suggests that on the job, in the home or in outer space, the day when robots will serve us all is closer than we might think.

"With no fundamentally new capabilities, a robot of 1984 should have a profound impact on man's work style and perhaps even on his entire lifestyle," predicts Joe Engelberger, president of Unimation Inc., probably the first company to produce industrial robots.

The beginning was 1956 and since then, more than 1,000 of Engelberger's machines have joined the work force. He expects to add another 600 to 700 this year and by 1990, he says 5 percent of those world laborers performing the most unpleasant tasks will be replaced by robots. The humans will have more humane jobs.

"The ideal job in a plant, if you have to have a blue-collar job, is to be the guy in charge of the robots," according to the manufacturer. "The fellow who's the boss of six robots—that's the common ration by the way—may come into his die-cutting job and open a paperback while the robots are all up working. Or maybe, he might have one that's down, another one that needs an oil change or he may need to reprogram one because they changed the die."

Science fiction movies aside, a robot is nothing more than computer-controlled machinery. What separates it from plain old automated equipment is its ability to perform more than one task (simply by changing the program) and it is often endowed (through a program and electronic, information-gathering sensors) with an ability to make decisions.

The environmental control system in your favorite shopping mall is a good example of your basic robot.

Through its thermostats, the computer knows when the temperature needs to be adjusted and it automatically operates the heating and cooling equipment, in accordance with its program, to attain the right temperature.

That's an oversimplification. More complicated jobs require intricate equipment and sophisticated programs, but in a shopping center or in space, the principle remains the same.

So far, robots have been relegated to highly structured jobs in factories and offices, but technological advances and facilities designed to accommodate the robots' dull senses of sight and touch are allowing the machines to fill less rigid jobs.

Engelberger sees the day when we'll insert a special card into a slot at the gas pump and: "The proboscis of a robot arm would use computer-directed appendage trajectory and both tactile and vision recognition data to find the gas tank. At most station islands during the day, there would be spots for drivers to buy gas, discuss the weather and dawdle over politics with fellow humans who are not harassed by the obligation to simply dispense gasoline."

Cars may not be the only things fed by robots.

"With a computer in control of product flow, robots could be ever so effective in making, delivering and collecting for all those tons of hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries and strawberry milkshakes," Engelberger notes, adding people will still have jobs.

"The presence of people would help sell the product, and these folks would probably strum instruments and sing pleasantly. Given good food and good entertainment, what more could you ask?"

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RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE:

How Real A Deterrent?

By Philip C. Clarke

"Any attempt by any outside forces to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States of America, and such an assault will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force."

—President Carter, in State of the Union address, Jan. 20, 1980.

Over the Pentagon's hot line to the U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida crackles an order to activate the RDF—the Rapid Deployment Force. A Persian Gulf regime with Soviet backing is massing troops to invade a neighboring nation whose oil exports are vital to the United States and its allies. This threatened nation appeals to the U.S. for help. The President, after conferring with Congressional

leaders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has decided that the U.S. must act.

At the RDF's command post, a half-buried bunker in a remote corner of MacDill dubbed the "Mole Hole," a mixed staff of 242 Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine officers and men springs into action.

By prearrangement, messages are flashed to military units contributing to the RDF. These include three Army divisions—the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, NC; the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell, KY, and the 24th Infantry (mechanized) at Ft. Stewart, GA—a Marine amphibious force based at Twentynine Palms, CA, and several scattered Air Force tactical squadrons. Also alerted are three Navy carrier task forces and a squadron of B-52s armed with conventional weapons.

From this diverse array of military power, the RDF orders up what's considered necessary: an initial force of 50,000 drawn from an authorized pool of 230,000 men, with the potential of an additional 100,000 Reservists on standby.



The Military Airlift Command sends fleets of transport planes winging to predesignated airfields to pick up the assembled troops, weapons, vehicles and short-term supplies. Navy cargo ships steam for ports to load on heavier military freight for the long haul.

To at least two carrier battle groups, a Marine amphibious ready group and a fleet of seven "prepositioned" supply ships anchored off the U.S.-leased British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean go orders to head for the scene of action. The ships, on station since July 1980, are crammed with military cargo, including M-60 tanks, artillery, ammunition, fuel, water and other supplies sufficient to sustain the 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade for at least two weeks.

With everything in motion, the RDF's commander and his staff grab rucksacks and battle gear and hurry to their command and control planes for the 8,000-mile flight to the Persian Gulf.

This is but one of the scenarios that could develop if the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, as it's formally designated, is ordered into action half a world away.

Will the plan work? Would advance elements of the Force arrive in time and in sufficient strength to secure the area? What if the landing is opposed by heavy enemy fire? And what if the Soviets jump in with some of their seven airborne divisions poised within quick flying distance of the Persian Gulf?

There are no easy answers.

Pentagon officials stress that the RDF, born after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the seizure of American hostages in Iran, is not an invasion force. "Rather," says an RDF fact sheet, "it is structured chiefly as a force to deter aggression from outside the Persian Gulf region and to assist nations in the region in (so doing).

"The presence of such a force," it continues, "would be intended as a signal to potential adversaries that movement of their armed forces into the area could result in direct confrontation with the United States." And if deterrence should fail, the RDF would stand and fight until reinforcements arrive. This is a tall order, indeed, for a force that is only 14 months old and is still suffering from growing pains and organizational headaches. The RDF, moreover, is a mere headquarters staff until it orders up actual combat units from the services.

Critics contend it will take at least five years and another \$25 billion before the Force is fully capable of combating any large-scale aggression threatening U.S. interests in the "arc of crisis" stretching from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean. They point to gaping shortages in airlift and sealift capacity needed to rush troops and equipment to any distant trouble spot. And despite eight training exercises by the RDF over the past few months, the overall preparedness levels of our all-volunteer forces are still far below standard.

Efforts to obtain permanent bases in the region thus far have been unavailing. Egypt, Oman, Somalia and Kenya have tentatively agreed to permit access rights and limited stockpile facilities for the RDF, but these could be cancelled at any time. The Defense Department plans to order another 12 supply ships to be prepositioned in the Indian Ocean with enough materiel and equipment for a full Marine division for a month. But these "floating warehouses," to cost some \$5 billion, won't all be ready until 1986.

A fleet of 130 to 200 strategic transport planes—designated the CX—capable of landing on relatively short runways, has been designed to provide badly needed additional airlift. But the cost has skyrocketed to as much as \$20 billion, and even if the controversial CX's are ordered it will take several years before all are ready to fly. Until then, the RDF will have to make do with what's available.

Just how do the RDF's capabilities measure up? At this point, a battalion of 800 paratroopers and a squadron of 18 to 24 tactical fighter-bombers could be airlifted to the Persian Gulf in 48 hours.

A brigade of 12,000 Marines could be flown in within a week to "marry up" with weapons and supplies now aboard the seven prepositioned ships in the Indian Ocean. (Continued on page 37)



Specially trained American soldiers from the Rapid Deployment Force (opposite page) train during recent exercise. (Left) VH60A Blackhawks, Huey Cobras and Rangers trail near the pyramids of Egypt during "Bright Star 81." (Right) A C5A Galaxy unloads its cargo, a RDF Blackhawk.



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Miracle Of Mnemonics

By Lester David

On any given day of the year the following events are absolutely certain to occur in your home town:

 At least a half-dozen persons won't remember where they parked their cars in a shopping center and will wander around hunting for them, feeling foolish.

• A husband will carefully write down all the items he's been asked to pick up at a supermarket-and then forget to take the list.

 A man will greet another on the street, give him a big smile and hello and ask about the wife and kids. The fellow thus greeted won't remember if he's the school principal, the owner of the local deli or an old Army buddy.

fits too well, don't feel badly. Jerome Walman, memory training consultant for the Department of Defense. estimates there are millions of folks around the country with minds like sieves. And none of them is happy about it.

I was all of the above. I would rarely leave the house without return-

The average person's ability to remember can be greatly improved-here's how

ing at least twice, often three and

four times, for forgotten items. Once

I found myself on a commuter train

in bedroom slippers-just didn't re-

the store. No more. Now I can remember

lists of 10 to two dozen items, plots of plays and movies and-wonder of wonders-have even improved my sense of direction, which is actually based on memory and concentration.

occurred to me I had left my wife in

It would sound impressive if I reported that some latent capacity for genius had suddenly awakened in my brain, but all that happened was that I learned a few secrets of



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strengthening my memory which I'm going to pass along.

Information is exploding around us in today's complex world. The blunt truth is that the individual who finds it tough to absorb and retain new technologies will probably be left at the post while those with a more efficient mental storehouse move ahead in the great game of success. That's a warning from Dr. Herbert M. Adler, clinical professor of the department of psychiatry and family medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, who has worked with successfuland unsuccessful—persons for years as a teacher and practicing therapist. He's just one of many experts who have found that people who can't keep up move further and further down the success ladder.

Well then, if we accept the thesis that a superior memory is all that's essential in today's increasingly complicated world, it must follow that only superior people can possess one, no?

No. But absolutely no! The astonishing fact is all persons with normal intelligence have perfectly good memories. However, most people don't use them well and go through life feeling shortchanged. Unlike the little engine that could, they feel they can't, thus they keep on forgetting things and failing to memorize even the simplest pieces of information.

The human memory is a lot like your muscles. While we're all endowed with equal numbers and kinds, some of us "are more equal" than others. Meaning that the muscles with the best tone and greatest strength and flexibility belong to those who put time and effort into conditioning them.

While you can't see your memory bulge and ripple like biceps, the comparison with muscles is especially apt. Unless the information in your head is used regularly, psychologist Peter Russell points out, you'll quickly develop mental flab. Then all your billions of brain cells, which are capable of storing 10 million units of information, will give you lazy service or none at all.

Fitness experts have discovered that older persons can expand their bodily potential fairly quickly through a regular exercise program. Same goes for mental functioning, regardless of age. As a matter of



fact, if you must forget something, drop out of your mind that widely accepted notion that memory dims with advancing years. It just isn't so. Studies in universities here and abroad show that the overwhelming majority of people experience no organic deterioration of the brain's ability to recall and operate at peak efficiency as they grow older! All this was no big news to researchers at the National Institutes of Mental Health, a government agency, which recently concluded a series of research studies in this area. They found that the brain power of men

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past 65 was approximately the same as that of men much younger.

How, then, can you drop "I forgot" from your vocabulary once and for all? First, learn two key words: concentration and relaxation. Put this down as an article of faith: all people with strong memories have cultivated the power of riveting their attention on what they want to absorb. When they read, they focus sharply on the matter at hand. When they listen to the boss or a lecture, they don't let their minds drift to what they want to say, but they take note of the details they want to recall. When they drive, they don't daydream but look sharply where

they were, so they can come back unerringly. "Distraction is the enemy of remembering," warns Dr. Adler.

Long ago, a psychiatrist named Dr. Henry C. Link wrote that every experience in your life is recorded on some of the billions of brain cells through one or more of your senses. "The problem of memory improve-ment," he wrote, "is to emphasize these impressions and to file them away in such an orderly manner that many will remain intact. The clearer the impressions, and the neater your mental storehouse, the easier it will be to remember. Clear impressions can only be recorded by listening and concentrating—hard."

It may sound surprising that relaxation is equally important, yet it's so, cautions Mr. Walman, who keeps urging armed forces officers and men to avoid tensing up when they want to recall things. "The more you try to remember the inventory, prices, numbers, names or whatever, the less you'll succeed," he says. The man's got something. Recently, I tried all day to remember the name of an important business contact, and failed. Relaxing in the shower that evening, the name popped into my mind.

Physical exercise, a good prescription as a body relaxant, is a memory jogger too. You'll do much better at an interview, promotion exam, or in any situation requiring the need to recall if you unwind with some form of activity beforehand. Mind researcher Russell explains that physical activity increases the oxygen supply to the brain in the short run. Over longer periods of time, he says, regular activity can keep the arteries

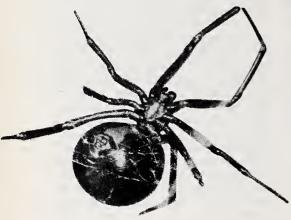
unclogged.

How about food as a memory stimulant? Forget the old wives' tale that fish can make you smarter, but certain foods do help. Russell points out that foods rich in Vitamin E help the nerve cells in the brain to make better use of its available oxygen. Good dietary sources of Vitamin E are whole wheat, whole grain and corn; cottonseed, soybean and peanut oil. Generally, Russell recommends a well-balanced diet, with an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit. Go easy, he says, on artificial preservatives and dyes, sugar and starch, caffeine, alcohol and other unnecessary drugs.

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The Deadly Lilliputians

Gulliver had it easy compared to one million Americans who are acutely allergic to insect venom



By William Childress

When Jonathan Swift wrote Gulliver's Travels in 1726, he wrote about a race of tiny men called Lilliputians. Today, with the term now meaning anything extremely small, we have our own Lilliputians—and they can be deadly. They are scorpions, spiders, ticks, bees, hornets and wasps, and most of us generally refer to them as insects.

Insect attacks are on the upswing. Sharply reduced uses of pesticides have produced increased insect populations, with the result that over two million people a year suffer pain, serious illness or even death because of attacks by spiders, scorpions, wasps and other tiny but dangerous creatures.

Hardest hit are children and elderly people whose lower resistance and sometimes frail health often make hospitalization necessary following an insect bite. Younger adults, too, are increasingly being affected. Stings and bites are being recognized as serious medical problems—especially to one million Americans whose se-

vere allergic reactions to insect venom can cause death.

"Most people don't know they're allergic to insect venom until they're bitten or stung," says Dr. Martin Valentine of Johns Hopkins University. "And even those who react normally to stings can't be sure the next one won't trigger an allergic response."

Such uncertainties make insect bites frustrating to treat. In one recent spider bite case, my father—a 64-year-old Midwestern farmer—was admitted to a local hospital. He was misdiagnosed twice by his physician—who first suggested a heart attack and then the flu-before an intern found two tiny puncture marks on the inside of the man's arm. The culprit turned out to be a Brown Recluse spider, and dad spent three days in intensive care and almost died-even requiring blood transfusions. Ten weeks after the bite, he was still weak and his huge, ulcerous scar (Brown Recluse venom literally "digests" flesh so plastic surgery is often required) had still not healed.

Spiders—along with scorpions and ticks—are not insects. They are arachnids and belong to an ancient class, *Arachnida*, which has existed in its present form for nearly half a billion years. They emerged from the seas as the first land animals during the Cambrian Period. The 60,000 species of arachnids are loosely related to the crab family. Most arachnids are venomous to some degree, many dangerously so.

One example is the scorpion, known to physicians as "public enemy number one" according to Clini-



cal Symposia, a booklet published for doctors. Nonlethal scorpions cause sharp pain and swelling, but extremely poisonous varieties—such as those in the Southwest which kill some 1,500 people yearly—possess potent neurotoxic venoms.

These potentially lethal stings are red hot at first, but soon a deceptive tingling occurs in the area, which quickly spreads over the body. Hyperesthesia (extreme skin sensitivity) follows, which in turn is followed by hypesthesia (general skin numbness) and a drowsy feeling.

Immediate medical action must be taken or the victim will develop itching of the nose and mouth as the venom spreads. Speech will become sluggish. Clamped jaw muscles will prevent swallowing oral medicines. Frothing at the mouth and convulsions follow in waves and death from respiratory failure can occur.

"Perhaps our biggest problem," says one physician, "is the tendency of so many people to treat insect bites cavalierly. They should not

ignore any bite or sting. Each insect—and bite—must be treated on its own merits, because histaminic reactions vary from person to person.

Histamine, a chemical in our bodies which governs blood vessel dilation, produces these reactions from bites, stings or other injuries. But it isn't the bite or sting that creates a danger of death. It's the body's reaction to the injected venom. People overly sensitive to arachnid or insect venom release floods of antihistamines, causing a total allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis means a severe reaction to foreign proteins introduced into the blood, and anaphylactic shock can kill in as little as a minute. Only an epinephrine injection can halt the reaction.

Although the FDA prohibits sale or possession without a doctor's prescription, kits called *Ana-Kits* are available at pharmacies. People sensitive to insect venom should get a physician to prescribe such a kit and have it always near. It contains a syringe of epinephrine (a vasoconstrictor), chewable antihistamine tablets, alcohol pads and a tourniquet. *Instructions should be carefully followed!*

Another arachnid, the tick, is also taken much too lightly. Ticks—there are 440 species but only about half of them chomp humans—carry some nasty diseases: encephalitis, tick fever, tularemia and the infamous Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which can kill. Worse, a great deal of misinformation is passed along about how to rid yourself of these

dangerous parasites. Some articles on the subject pass on the old, absurd drip-gasoline-on-the-tick's-head trick. Failing that, says one such article, burn its bottom with a hot cigarette. Both are nonsense.

The only way to remove ticks is by the thumb-and-forefinger method, using a slow, firm pull, *not* squashing the tick, and *not* twisting. If you're lucky, a small hunk of your skin will come away with the little monster, meaning its head is still attached to it, not to you.

"Most arachnids are venomous to some degree, many dangerously so."

Ticks dig in and slurp away like a kid burrowing in ice cream. They don't breathe through their heads (hence, a drop of nail polish to "smother" them is absurd), and once their tool kit of a mouth has lanced into position, the arachnid releases a glue to hold it in place! But ticks, like the rest of us, prefer to keep head and body together—hence pulling them off, and dabbing the bite with disinfectant or alcohol, is still the surest and best way.

Of all biting or stinging insects, bees and wasps—there are at least 800 varieties—produce most of the stings we encounter. As a boy, I once ran headlong into a wasp nest in a plum thicket. Two dozen whizzing, buzzing, angry red-hot needles hit me

at once—an experience I never forgot. Fortunately, I was not allergic to the venom or I'd have been dead. Just recently I was again a victim: a wasp smelled my coconut oil suntan lotion and stung me three times before I could kill it.

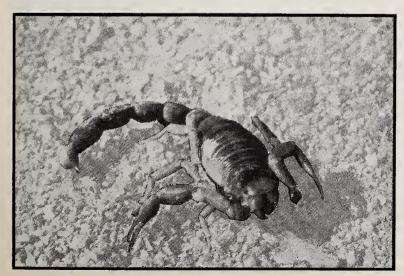
Bees and wasps have similar venom. The main characteristic, and the one that can kill those allergic, is histamine plus *hyaluronidase*—a "spreading agent." Protein components most likely cause the allergic reactions, but science still does not know the *exact* makeup of venom. Only bees cannot replenish their poisons, and die upon stinging since their stinger (and much of their rear abdomen) remains with the victim.

It is impossible to list all the symptoms of bee and wasp stings. Suffice to say they can kill and even nonsensitive individuals can be caused untold pain and misery, often days after an attack. Some victims have delayed reactions to the venom, developing fever, malaise, headache and aching joints up to 14 days after being stung.

When a bee stings, this is what happens according to a pamphlet published by CIBA Pharmaceuticals: "When the sting penetrates the skin, the two lancets work alternately, sliding back and forth on their tracks. With each thrust, the barbs anchor the lancets deeper into the flesh. The same movements also operate the plungers on the lancets to expel the venom."

The principle is a lot like a hypodermic needle—with barbs. In any case, bee stingers must be removed

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Known by physicians as "public enemy number one," the scorpion (left) is but one of many arachnida whose sting or bite can be deadly. The Black Widow (opposite page, left) and the Brown Recluse (right) spiders are two more infamous Lilliputians.



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Commander's Message

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his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have."

That pledge must not be broken, no matter what the cost.

What concerns me, though, as much as attempts to radically cut the VA's budget, is a creeping apathy toward veterans and their plight by Americans who seem to have forgotten-or, perhaps, never knew-the contributions made by our fighting men and women through the years. Perhaps it's simply a case of people not liking to think about that which is unpleasant; and there is certainly nothing pleasant about the horror of war or the terror of facing an enemy on the field of battle. But that's no excuse to forget those who did, or to confuse the war with the warrior.

Perhaps, too, some people tend to view the reasons why a nation would go to war-and why people would be required to fight that war-as isolated instances divorced from the realities of today. The wars are over, they say, let's forget them. Yet how can they be forgotten without forgetting also that threats to freedom, both from within and without our great nation, are unceasing? Our need for defenders will never end.

People with a "forget-the-veteranbecause-there-is-no-war" mentality probably are guilty of being caught up only in those day-to-day things that directly affect their lives. Unfortunately, they fail to realize in their worries over the grocery bill and car payment that the very veterans they've forgotten are the people who fought to preserve that nation whose plenty makes their high standard of living possible.

Sadly, too, I sense some of that same feeling of apathy toward the veteran among a few of our own members. It's not that they don't remember their fellow veterans and Legionnaires on such days as Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. It's that they think that by remembering them only on such patriotic occasions, they've discharged their responsibility to them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I say this because our responsibility to those Americans who served the country in our armed services is not discharged until the last veteran has passed from the scene.

Attempts to cut the VA's budget and other signs of creeping apathy toward veterans are but two symptoms of an illness each of us must labor to cure. But we must go beyond platitudes. We need action. We must reawaken Americans to the magnitude of the contributions made by our veterans. America's veterans have proven that even in adversity they are among the nation's most precious resources. As the battles against inflation, energy dependence and myriad social problems persist, America must realize anew that, even as veterans fought in war without regard for future rewards, they are continuing to fight on behalf of this nation in new and equally important

When the popular view was to disparage America and its causes, the veterans held true. When the nation's mood was pessimistic, the veterans resisted the trend. And, now that the country once again feels renewed pride in itself, the veterans are in the forefront leading the fight in all walks of life and all professions. They are a living legacy of service and honor and, as such, they are an inspiration for the future.

We Legionnaires must, therefore, with all the dedication and zeal we can muster, lead the fight to once again instill in every citizen that same sense of dedication and responsibility which has become synonymous with America's defenders of freedom. I have pressed this issue continually, but I can't lead that fight alone.

Nor can The American Legion singlehandedly turn apathy into intensity of purpose. That's why I call on each of you reading this message -whether veteran or not, whether Legionnaire or not-to share with me your ideas on combating the insidious disregard for the plight of veterans which has manifested itself in recent years.

I call upon each and every Legionnaire to recall the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion; we are veterans with a sacred obligation: ". . . to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." "Mutual helpfulness" is caring for and remembering our former comrades-in-

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NIMMO TAPPED TO HEAD VA . . . President Reagan has nominated former California



National Guard Colonel Robert P. Nimmo, 59, to head the Veterans Administration. Nimmo, a WWII B-24 pilot and company commander of the first National Guard unit called to active duty during the Korean War, is a member of Robert P. Nimmo Atascadero (CA) Legion

state senator and retired

Post 109. His nomination came almost four months after the present administration took office, making him one of the last federal agency heads to be named. Nimmo is a rancher and businessman who served two terms in the California state assembly before going to the state senate. He was a member of that state's Republican Central Committee from 1972 to 1980 and a Reagan delegate to the GOP National Convention last year.

"JUST FOR YOU" CATALOG AVAILABLE . . . A new sales catalog entitled, "Just For You," has just been released from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. The catalog contains more than 475 of the newest and most popular U.S. Government publications covering all major areas of interest . . Items in the "Just For You" catalog include books on space, American indians, food, energy and four-color lithographic prints suitable for framing in your home or office . Write to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

AIR FORCE MUSEUM SEEKS WWI STRIPES . . . The U.S. Air Force Museum at Dayton, OH, needs some original WWI enlisted chevrons, or stripes, of the Army Air Service . . The Museum's current display includes four chevrons that are facsimile copies and the staff would like to replace them with original issue stripes, if they can be located . . . The curator of the Air Force Museum notes that the original WWI chevrons currently on display have the early Air Service twobladed prop and wing symbol embroidered below the stripes. Anyone willing to donate the desired WWI chevrons should write to the Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

ARIZONA CEMETERY RECEIVES VA MATCHING GRANT . . . Arizona's Veterans Memorial

Cemetery near Phoenix has received a \$104,125 matching-fund grant through the VA Cemetery Grant Program. Arizona becomes the second state, following Maryland, to receive a grant under a program designed to aid states in the establishment, expansion and improvement of veterans' cemeteries. The VA grant will be used to help build an administration building at the 635-acre site, 17 miles north of Phoenix. The grants program took effect in Fiscal Year 1980 to provide financial assistance to stateowned cemeteries on a 50-50 matching fund basis to provide veterans an alternative to burial in a national cemetery.

PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY LIBRARY SEEKS DONATIONS . . . A recent fire at the Philippine Military Academy, the Republic of the Philippines (equivalent to our U.S. Military Academy at West Point) destroyed more than 14,000 volumes, including English language books, magazines and other resource materials . . The U.S. Army Western Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, is coordinating a donation program. Interested parties may donate books, magazines, corporate and institutional publications or any English language materials of interest to college-level professional military students for the Philippine Military Academy. Materials should be sent directly to the Chief, JUSMAG-Phil, Attn: Ground Forces Service Section, APO San Francisco 96528. Further information is available from Lt. Col. Karl Piotrowski, DCSOPS, HQS WESTCOM Fort Shafter, HI 96858.

SUMMER SCHOOL GI BILL PAYMENT PROCEDURES MODIFIED . . . A recent change in GI Bill payment procedures should alleviate potential problems for certain veterans enrolled in summer school. Originally, students enrolled in summer classes were prohibited from receiving GI Bill benefit payments when the period between school terms exceeded 30 days . . . The modified regulation now allows payments where the interval does not exceed one full calender month. For example, if a school's summer term ends on Aug. 15 and the fall term begins Sept. 28, this interval would exceed the old 30 day limit. Under the new provisions, it would not exceed the full calendar month criteria and education payments would be made. The only requirement is that the veteran must be enrolled for a total of at least eight weeks.

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POW/MIA UPDATE

By Ann Mills Griffiths Executive Director, National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia

Commander Ron Dodge was a POW in Vietnam. So was Sergeant Don Sparks. Colonels Charles Shelton and David Hrdlicka were captives in Laos. None of these men were ever released. To this day, their fate remains unknown. While the United States government officially denies that any POWs are still held in communist countries in Indochina and have presumed dead all but a dozen of the POW/MIAs, evidence continues to mount that some of our servicemen are still in captivity.

After "Homecoming" in 1973, when almost 600 servicemen and civilians were repatriated (some after being held for more than eight years) nearly 2,500 others did not return. The military men not released included 113 listed as prisoners of war (POW), 1,178 presumed killed-inaction/body not recovered, and 1,-237 missing-in-action (MIA). Since then, the remains of 74 men have been returned and the vast majority of the POW/MIAs have been presumed dead, based primarily on the passage of time without new information to indicate the individual is still living.

That only a few individuals are technically listed as living does not minimize the need to achieve the fullest possible accounting for the approximately 2,500 men whose fate remains in question. The debt owed to each unaccounted for serviceman, as well as to that individual's family, is well known. Although this obligation can never be fully satisfied, the United States government can and should make every effort to achieve as extensive an accounting as possible. It should be emphasized



When Anderson, IN, decided to host a parade honoring Vietnam veterans, the resulting one-and-a-half hour parade was viewed by thousands on the streets of Anderson and countless more via nationwide television. Among the 50 units participating in the parade were members of Vietnam Era Veterans Outreach Post 85 in Indianapolis, a recently chartered Post that operates out of the local VA-sponsored Vet Center. The group is shown being led by Post Cdr. Joe Compton.

that this is not just a humane gesture, but a U.S. government responsibility and obligation, due every serviceman, past, present and future.

Of greatest and immediate concern are the recurring reports of Caucasians still held captive in Southeast Asia. The influx of Indochinese refugees into this country over the past few years has brought convincing new evidence the Vietnamese continue to hold American servicemen in captivity. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is currently investigating over 300 firsthand, live sighting reports. Some reports refer to groups of men spotted as recently as the fall of 1980.

The United States government was not always anxious to investigate reported sightings of Americans. Since 1973, it has been their contention there was no evidence to indicate anyone was still held. Virtually no government effort was made to collect intelligence data on this question. Thus, the burden of proof was left to the families of the missing men.

Over three years ago, frustrated by government inaction, the National League of Families started running ads in Vietnamese and Laotian language publications which are circulated in refugee centers and communities worldwide. The ads simply request information on missing Americans, alive or dead. To date, more than one hundred refugees have responded, relaying to the League reports such as the following examples:

SIGHTING REPORT 109—The refugee source of this report, a former USAID employee, says that in December 1975, he was stopped while driving his taxi in Thakek, Laos, and arrested when his USAID identification card was discovered. He was transported by truck to Viengxay, Laos, and from there travelled about 3½ hours to a camp surrounded by bamboo trees. He says that there was a natural cave at the mountain (the source provided explicit detail on the cave area) which was used to hold POWs. He saw five Caucasian prisoners held in the cave and was told by his guard they were American pilots. All five men were approximately six feet tall. The refugee, in his report to the League of Families, described the physical characteristics of the five men and noted they had a red rash around their ankles. The source was tied up a short distance away from the cave where the Americans were kept. After a month, he was moved to another location and held there for over two years. This

WWI Drum & Bugle Corps Nixes Off-Key Playing



Members of the Sault Ste. Marie (MI) Drum and Bugle Corps of WWI toast "Buddies present and absent" with champagne furnished free by a grateful French winemaker.

man is now in the United States, has provided a sworn affidavit and has agreed to be polygraphed by DIA.

SIGHTING REPORT 123—Another source reports, "A number of American POWs previously detained in Hanoi have been moved to Ham Tan in South Vietnam during the month of August 1980. They were transferred on the same train as Vietnamese POWs of the grade major or higher. When their train arrived in Da Nang, our relative, an Air Force major (Vietnamese), was on board that train. He sent word to us . . . that he was being transferred to the South. Upon hearing that, my brothers and I followed up the matter. On that train there were American prisoners; my relative saw them very clearly." The refugee goes on to

say that he further checked out the information and the Americans are being held at Ham Tan.

In the last two years, since the League started collecting intelligence data on its own, U.S. government officials finally decided they could no longer ignore the mounting evidence that American prisoners are still held. DIA has significantly stepped up its efforts to substantiate the sighting reports. Lt. General Eugene Tighe, DIA Director, told Congress in a recent public hearing on the issue, "DIA continues to put top emphasis on investigation of information relating to U.S. personnel who might still be held prisoner in Southeast Asia. I have insured that all of the intelligence collection disciplines are brought to bear on the matter.'

The Sault Ste. Marie (MI) Drum and Bugle Corps of WWI-octogenarians all-have hung up their bugles and muffled their drums.

'We just ran out of wind," said Cdr. Oral "Moose" LaCombe, 85, "so we figured it's better to appear in parades without trying to play off-

The Corps, which has played thousands of parades and concerts (and has toured England and France) wore the famous WWI soup dish helmets, high choker collars and wraparound "cannonball" leggings.

Ira D. MacLachlin Post 3 marked the playing of the last note on Memorial Day, following the city's traditional parade with a reception at the Post home. A special plaque was also unveiled in their honor.

"The Corps has done honor," said Post Adj. John W. Allen, "not only to their nation and to The American Legion, but to Sault Ste. Marie in a marked way. We are proud to record permanently on the walls of the Sault Post their names and deeds.'

The Corps, with 18 members ranging in age from 89 to 80, did not serve together as a musical unit during WWI. They were formed out of a larger Legion Corps of men who returned to Sault Ste. Marie following the war.

Additionally, last year an Interagency Group (IAG) comprised of representatives from responsible agencies within the State and Defense departments, the National Council, the National Security League of Families and the Congressional POW/MIA Task Force, was established to ensure that priority is given to this issue and that U.S. efforts are coordinated.

It is evident U.S. government policies and attitudes are becoming more objective. Where previous official statements claimed a lack of credible evidence that men were still held, new U.S. policy reflects increasing reports indicating that some Americans may still be in captivity. However, government attitudes are not changing as quickly as necessary. In the year since the IAG was formed, the State Department has yet to develop a strategy to secure the return of the men still held and to obtain

NEWS FOR LEGIONNAIRES

June Legionnaire Is Medicine Bow Man

Howard I. Smith, a veteran of both WWII and Korea and Adjutant of William Horne Post 64 in Medicine Bow, WY, is June's Legionnaire of the month.

In nominating Howard for Legionnaire of the Month honors, Past Post Cdr. Clarence Parrish noted that, "(He) has spread Legionism throughout our community, as well as throughout the Department.

"He is never too busy to lend a helping hand to anyone in need For the past two years, Post 64 has maintained 200 percent of (membership) quota, mostly through the desires of Smith."

Howard, who holds an Honorary Life Membership from Post 64, has served as Post Adj. continuously since 1964. In addition, he has served as Post Cdr., Dist. Adj., Dist. Vice Cdr., Dist. Cdr. and Dist. Oratorical Chairman.

Howard was awarded four battle stars and a Bronze star for his service in the U.S. Army.

That, in part, is why members of Post 64 believe Howard "is as deserving of the honor of Legionnaire of the Month as anybody in The American Legion."

We agree.



Howard I. Smith

Housing Money

The VA plans to guarantee 362,000 home loans valued at \$19.8 billion for eligible ex-service members and active duty personnel this year.



Robert W. Spanogle, 38, a Vietnam era veteran, has been named National Adjutant of The American Legion by the National Executive Committee. He will take office July 1, 1981, succeeding Frank Momsen who has announced his retirement. Spanogle previously headed the Legion's Washington, DC office, a post he accepted in November 1979. Before that, he was Director of Internal Affairs and held various positions in Internal Affairs and Membership.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garibaldi of Galileo Post and Auxiliary 236 in San Francisco are presented Certificates of Appreciation by Past Post Cdr. and Superior Court Judge John A. Ertola in recognition of their combined 52,810 hours of volunteer service to the Fort Miley Veterans Medical Center. For those who might wonder, based on a 40-hour week and no vacations, that's almost 25½ years of volunteer service! (SFVAMC Photo)

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. May a veteran pay off a VA guaranteed home loan before it becomes due?

A. Yes. A GI loan may be partially or fully paid at any time without penalty. Partial payments may not be less than one monthly installment or \$100, whichever is less. Consult your lender for details.

Q. If a veteran dies before a home loan guaranteed by the VA is repaid, will the VA pay off the balance?

A. No. The surviving spouse or other co-borrower must continue making payments. Mortgage life insurance is available from private companies.

Q. My husband died while he was a patient in a VA medical center. Will the VA help with the expenses of bringing him home for burial?

A. Yes. If a veteran dies while a patient in a VA medical center, transportation expenses to the place of burial will be paid by VA.

Q. What happens to the money I contributed to the Veterans Educational Assistance Program if I die while on active duty?

A. The law provides that unused contributions will be refunded to the beneficiary designated under the veteran's Servicemen's Group Life Insurance policy if he is so insured. Otherwise, the funds will go to the veteran's estate.

Q. My husband was in the Navy at the time of his death and was buried at sea. Can I obtain a memorial marker from the VA to be placed in a private cemetery?

A. A memorial headstone or marker may be furnished by VA to commemorate any eligible veteran or service person who died while on active duty and whose remains have not been recovered or were buried at sea.

Q. My husband is a World War I veteran who is not eligble for a VA pension due to income. Is he eligible for VA outpatient treatment?

A. Yes. A World War I veteran may be provided VA outpatient treatment for any condition even though he is not receiving a VA pension.



Recent visitors to National Headquarters include a French film team which has come to the United States to produce a movie on Legionnaires Disease, outbreaks of which have recently appeared in France. Shown talking with Adj. Frank Momsen (left) are, from left, William Brewster, Director of the Indianapolis VA office; Dr. J.P. Godard of Paris, France; and Mr. Maurice W. McHaffie and Dr. Duke Baker of the Indianapolis VA hospital education staff.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. Ind. 46206.

4th Staff Sq., Bolling Field, DC. George Snyder is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Bolling Field in 1940 his right ear was flooded with aviation gasoline. Contact CID

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"HQ" Co., 3d Bn., 17th Inf., 7th Division. Finley G. Boothe needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Onyang, Korea in March 1946 he suffered a back injury in a jeep accident. Contact CID 737

"A" Co., 195th Infantry. D.J. Chapman is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Blanding, FL in September 1945 his teeth were pulled and he needs the name of the dental surgeon. Contact CID 738

1st MP Co., Hq. Bn., 1st Marine Division. Edward William Lincoln is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at FMF West Pac Danang, Vietnam in July 1968 he suffered from

Danang, Vietnam in July 1968 he suffered from Malaria and was sent to 1st Med. Bn. to be cured. Contact CID 740

cured. Contact CID 740 G. Co., 329th Regt., 83d Inf. Division. Claude J. Morgan, needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Luxemburg, France in Octo-ber 1944 he was wounded by a shell blast and was hospitalized. Contact CID 741

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

Mike D. Mireles, TX Department Commander (1979-80), Department Vice Commander (1977-78).

Mrs. Mary Sepples Dore, CT Department Vice Commander (1956-57).

John E. Drinkard, AL Department Commander (1952-53), Department Vice Commander (1950-51).

Dr. F. Herrick Conners, NY Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1963-64), Department Commander (1962-63), Department Vice Commander (1958-59).

Life Memberships

The award of a life membership to a Legion-naire by a Post is a testimonial by those who known best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Robert Garza, Alfonso Mendez (1977), Gust E. Krause (1980), Post 694, Marina, CA
Titus Rhiger, Jospeh Baidne, John Bridges, William Callaway, Harold Stanton (1980), Arthur Akell, Roy Rall (1981), Post 13, Canon City, CO

City, CO
Roland Ellis (1975), Roland Figgs (1980),
Post 19, Laurel, DE
Lowell C. Allen, Roy M. Annos, Harold Goslant (1981), Post 25, Lake Placid, FL
A.B. Miller (1980), J.D. Henry, Morris Schulman (1981), Post 107, Live Oak, FL
Remigio J. Llauget, Sr., (1981), Post 111,
Tampa, FL
Anthony Gattone, Edgar E. Jeswein (1980),
Post 111, Orlando Park, IL
Albert R. Sparks (1981), Post 336, Chicago,
IL

Howard P. Ryan (1981), Post 949, Chicago, IL Ralph C. Hagey (1981), Post 1009, Glen Ellyn,

Frank P. Minio (1981), Post 218, Algiers, LA Fred Rosendalc, William J. Gordon, Jr. (1981), Post 4, Baltimore, MD

Borden A. Schrader (1981). Post 161. South-

borden Ma boro, MA Walter Sparks, Ellsworth Mohn (1977), Ches-ter Duda (1978), Emil Tyburski (1979), George Gosselin (1980), Harold Roukey (1981), Post 224, Easthampton, MA James J. Lannan (1981), Post 247, Tyngsboro,

MA
Russell Erickson, Eugene Insley (1980), Post
86, Aitkin, MN
Leon A. Cefalu (1980), Post 86, Leland. MS
Charles B. Circle, Nicholas L. D'Argenio,
Frank L. Smith (1981), Post 24, Rome, NY
Russell E. Koert, Jr.,; Noman E. St. Clair
(1981), Post 332, Batavia, NY
Samuel Tardi, David MacInnes, Ely Bar
(1981), Post 630, Forest Mills, NY
Ernest N. Munkelwitz (1981), Post 651, Sayville, NY
Charles LeBrun (1981), Post 1545, Eastport, NY

port, NY John DeBevoise, Charles R. Adams (1981), Post 1682, New City, NY Harold W. Shepherd (1981), Post 1846, North Western, NY

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 1st MP Co. (1948-51) (Aug-Kingsport, TN). Lloyd Burden, 18 Huey Dr., Walton, KY 41094 (606) 485-4407

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14th Tank Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (Aug-Lexington, KY). Anthony Ziegler, 171 Sedgefield Dr., Harathan, LA 70123 (504) 737-9363

17th Airborne Div. Assn. (Aug-Dearborn, MI). Edward Siergiej, 62 Forty Acre Mountain Rd., Danbury, CT 06810 (203) 748-3958

20th Inf. Med. Detach., 6th Inf. Div. (WWII) (July-Devil's Lake, ND). George Hiltner, 9201 10th Ave., Landgon, ND 58249 (701) 256-5434

23d Inf. Regt., 2d Div. Assn. (Korea) (July). Carl Kleinpeter, Rt. 2, Box 363, St. Amant, LA 70774 (504) 644-4729

26th Service Sq. (WWII) (Aug-Tacoma, WA). Robert Hunter, 820 Hilltop Ln., Logansport, IN 46947 (219) 753-9517

30th Inf. Div. (July-Wichita, KS). Saul Solow, Burgundy E, 197, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (305) 278-8385

37th Ordnance Co. (Aug-Baltimore, MD). Tony Gailes, 50 S. Euclid Ave., Apt., 103, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 (412) 734-3275

4th Engr. Combat Bn. (Aug-Rockville, MD). Lloyd Black, Jr., 109 Woodvale, Box 143, Clarksville, GA 30523 (404) 754-2427

30th General Hospital (ETO-WWII) (Aug-Burlington, NC). James Mundy, P.O. Box 642, Graham, NC 27253

30th QM Base Depot Assn. (Ft. Lec, England, France) (July-Norfolk, VA). Col. Arthur Day, Jr., P.O. Box 1122, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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68d Signal Bn. (WWII) (July-Palm Beach, FL). Crawford Ayers, 11630 Laurel Valley Cir., West Palm Beach, FL 3411 (305) 793-0673
66th Fighter Sq., 57th Fighter Grp. (Aug-Denver, CO). Daryl Benson, 1608 Jamaica, Aurora, CO 80010 (303) 366-6724
79th Fighter Group (WWII) (June-Orlando, FL). Edwin Newbould, 1123 E. 73rd Pl., South Holland, IL 60473 (312) 331-3744
83d Inf. Div. Assn. (Aug-Pittsburgh, PA). Robert Derickson, 3749 Stahlheber Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013 (513) 863-2199
84th Inf. Div. (Railsplitters) (Aug-Sioux Falls, SD). Oliver Day, 1713 E. 49th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103
97th QM Co. (Railhead) (WWII) (Aug-Nashville, TN). William Wilson, 106 Turpin Cir., Columbia, TN 38401 (615) 388-8222
112th Cavalry Assn. (Aug-Dallas, TX). Claude Rigsby, 4472 Preston Cir., Dallas, TX 75211
112th Llaison Sq. (Aug-Denver, CO). Kenneth Winter, 1525 Elmwood Ave., Bettendorf, IA 52722 (319) 355-7671

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120th Ordmance Co. (MM) (Aug-Benton Harbor, MI). Joe VanDam, 1591 S. Riviera Dr., Stevensville, MI 49127 (616) 429-5690
130th Inf., 4th IL Vets Assn. (Aug-Hoopeston, IL). Mrs. Howard Gaddis, 531 E. Thompson Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942 (217) 283-7037
142d General Hospital (July-Oklahoma City, OK). Mrs. Elaine Mehalko Nolen, 1516 NW 39th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118 (405) 528-5067

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172d, 941st F.A. Bns. (Aug-Manchester, NH).
Joseph Proulx, 300 Candia Rd., Manchester, NH 03103 (603) 625-6789

185th Ordnance Depot Co. (Aug-Somerset, PA).
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195th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Overland Park, KS).
Charles Tipton, 2406 S. 47th St., Kansas City, KS 66106 (913) 262-8878

202d MP Co., II Corps. (Aug-Columbus, OH).
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227th AAA SI. Bn. (July-Cave City, KY). D.M.
Martin, Union Star, KY 40171 (502) 547-7606

238th Engr. Combat Bn. Assn. (July-Tulsa, OK). Jesse Wolff, Box 5, Parlin, NJ 08859 (201) 721-9356

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249th F.A., 27th Inf. Div. (WWII) (June-Syracuse, NY). Cllfford Flarry, 1033 W. Colvin St., Syracuse, NY 13207 (315) 475-7635
250th F.A. Bn. (Mini) (WWII) (June-Lafayette, LA). Earl Guidry, 605 Robert Lee, Lafayette, LA 70506 (318) 233-4289
2724 F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Columbia, SC). R.W. Hope, Sr., P.O. Box 5927, Columbia, SC 29250 (803) 254-1466

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304th, 610th Ordnance (Aug-Detroit, MI). Henry Lusch, 28363 Diesing, Madison Hts., MI 48071
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304th Station Hospital (WWII) (July-Middletown, NY). Richard Milburn, 16 Ingalls St., Middletown, NY 10940 (914) 343-8705
348th Combat Engrs. (Aug-Alexander, VA). Ralph Amrine, 1122 Emily Ln., Anderson, IN 46011

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383d AAA (Aug-Columbus, OH). Joe Bennett, 804 Gladden Rd., Columbus, OH 43212 (614) 291-3577

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456th Ordnance Evac. Co. (Aug-Milwaukee, WI). Willard Hoffman, 436 Fond du Lac Ave., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 (414) 467-3166
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611th O.B.A.M. Bn. (July-Lancaster, PA). Anthony Matted, 68 Cassala Dr., Hamden, CT 06514

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718th Railway Oper. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Lan-caster, PA). Alfred Krause, 206 James St., Sinking Spring, PA 19608 (215) 678-5047
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813th Engr. Aviation Bn. (WWII) (July-Eau
Claire, WI). Neil Zeug, 2738 Wellington Dr.
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MD 21014
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993d Engr. Treadway Bridge Co. (Aug-Frostproof, FL). Leonard Ralston, 27 Lakefront
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(Aug-Salisbury, NC). Stanley Levine, 33 St.
Elmo Rd., Worcester, MA 01602 (617) 755-1405
3450th Ord. M.A.M. Co. (Aug-Milwaukee, WI).
Eugene D'Aoust, 3858 N. 98th St., Milwaukee,
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3482d Ord. M.A.M. Co. (Aug-Greenville, SC).
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276-0529 A." Btry., 605th Mtn. F.A. Bu., 10th Mt. Div. (July-Paducah, KY). William Knight, 752 N. 36th St., Paducah, KY 42001 A." Btry., 893d AW Bn. (Aug-Norwich, NY). Burt Wales, Box 3, Plymouth, NY 13832 (607)

Two Founders Die in Texas

Fred J. "Jack" Griffith, 88, of Panhandle, TX, and Floyd Carl Cooley, 85, of Waco, TX-both Founders of The American Legion—died recently.

Griffith, a member of Kit Carson Post 441, was a retired businessman and local civic leader. He served with the American Expeditionary Force in France during WWI. He was decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action and was a participant at the Paris Caucus.

Cooley, a member of Cecil Potter Post 389 in Ft. Worth, was retired from the Railway Postal Service. He served in both World Wars I and II, retiring from the Army as a Major. Cooley was a participant in the St. Louis Caucus.

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"B" Btry., 188th F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Bismarck, ND). Walter Botnen, 721 N. Bell St., Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 223-8480

"B" Btry., 248th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Marion, SC). F.E. Brown, Jr., 1711 Furman Dr., Florence, SC 29501 (803) 662-2395

"C" Btry., 602d F.A. Bn. (July-Denver, CO). Sam Lombardi, 9375 Teller, Broomfield, CO 80020 (303) 423-1333

"C" Btry., 880th F.A., 69th Div. (Aug-Harrisburg, PA). Wayne Murphy, 80 Maple Ave., Mansfield, OH 44906 (419) 529-4996

"HQ" Btry., 217th F.A. Bn., 44th Inf. Div. (Aug-Chicago, IL). Harley Friend, 3429 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652

"HQ" Btry., 270th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Amarillo, TX). Dell McCuistian, Rt. 6, Box 650, Claremore, OK 74017 (918) 341-2294

"A" Co., 63d Engrs., 44th Div. (Aug-Nashville, TN). Charles Hampton, 154 Hardaway Dr., Goodlettsville, TN 37072

"A" Co., 120th Med. Regt., 45th Div. (WWII) (July-Cushing, OK). Mrs. Fred Cannon, 702 E. Main, Cushing, OK 74023

"A" Co., 188th Combat Engrs. (Aug-Framingham, MA). Fred Garry, 5 Kings Ct., Framingham, MA 01701 (617) 877-2919

"A" Co., 596th S.A.W. (June-Williamsburg, VA). Edward Fulton, 1224 Randall Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601 (614) 773-5906

"A & B" Cos., 6th Med. Bn., 6th Inf. Div. (June-Minneapolis, MN). John Lofgren, 3531 Aquila Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55426 (612) 935-9795

"B" Co., 86th QM Btry. (Aug-Greenville, SC). A.E. Cruse, 426 Broad St., Fairburn, GA 30214 (404) 964-7810

"B" Co., 151th Inf., 29th Div. (WWII) (June-Hagerstown, MD). Leroy Weddle, 334 Bryan Pl., Hagerstown, MD). Leroy Weddle, 334 Bryan Pl., Hagerstown, MD). Leroy Pickern Grp.) (July). Mrs. Victor Davidson, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, NY 14739

"B" Co., 151st Inf., 36th Div. (Eastern Grp.) (July). Mrs. Victor Davidson, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, NY 14739

"B" Co., 1521 Engr. Boat Regt. (Aug-Hebron, NE). Art Fangmeier, Hebron, NE 68370 (402) 768-2383

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"B" Co.. 591st Engr. Boat Regt. (Aug-Hebron. NE). Art Fangmeier, Hebron. NE 68370 (402) 768-238.
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"D" Co., 410th Inf., 103d Div. (Aug-Cleveland, TN). Bill Levitt, 23071 Oak Crest, Oak Park, MI 48237 (313) 542-6093
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"G" Co., 164th Inf., Regt. (ND Nat'l Guard)
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MS 38834
"K" Co., 129th Inf. (July-Huron, SD). Keith
Lounsbury, 635 13th St. SW, Huron, SD 57350
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IN). Fred Kirkendall, 109 Mary Mac Dr., Warsaw, IN 46580 (219) 267-6374
"L" Co., 386th Inf. Regt., 97th Inf. Div. (AugToledo, OH). Harold Bartig, 147 S. 21st St.,
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"M" Co., 63d Inf., 6th Inf. Div. (Aug-Oklahoma
City, OK). William West, 9213 Wabaday, Overland, MO 63114 (314) 427-0335
"Service" Co., 110th Inf., 28th Div. (WWII &
Korea) (Aug-Scottdale, PA). William Zozula,
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29th Seabee (August). James Arcaro, 115 Ma-jestic Dr., Lombard, IL 60148 (312) 932-8037 52d NCB (July-Greenville, MS). Claude Richard, 115 Oak Dr., Greenville, MS 38701 (601) 332-7444

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967-5005 62d Seabers (Sept-Fargo, ND). Clarence Svevm. Box 361, Enderlin, ND 58207 (701) 437-4554 63d NCB (August). Arnold Rasmussen, 2104 S. Adams, Grand Island, NE 68801

107th NCB (Sept-Merrillville, IN). Norman Joseph, 2020 S. 14th Ave., Broadview, IL 60153 (312) 681-3343

Aviation Ordnancemen (NAS Whidbey Island, WA) (Aug-Oak Harbor, WA). Ralph Heffley, 145 E. Denneboom, Coupeville, WA 98230 (206) 678-5664

CBMU 593 (July-West Unity, OH). Hubert Hutchinson, 309 Sycamore, West Unity, OH 43579 (419) 924-2060

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USS Maryland (BB 46) (July-Annapolis, MD). Emil Dragovich, 1401 New York, St. Cloud, FL 32769 (305) 892-7722
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316th Ftr. Sq., 324th Fighter Grp. (July-Chester, WV). Donald Penn, 1200 Mick Rd., Wellswille, OH 43968 (216) 532-2205
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892d Chemical Co. (AD) (Aug-Nashville, TN). John Hawkins, RR 4, Box 228A, Walkerton, IN 46574 (219) 586-2564
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Coast Guard

26th, 211th, 390th Construction Units (Sept-Beach City, OH). Woodrow Alpeter, 318 2nd Ave., Beach City, OH 44608 (216) 756-2246 USS Samuel B. Chase (APA 26) (Sept-Indianapolis, IN). Jay York, 3322 English Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201 (317) 634-7852

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6th Marine Div. Assn. (Sept-New Orleans, LA). George Booz, P.O. Box 195, Clifton Hts., PA 19018 (215) 583-2905

12th Defense Bn. (July). Bill Turner, P.O. Box 244, Grand Rapids, OH 43522 (419) 832-5081

Honolulu N.A.S. (Marine GD Det., Keehee Lagoon, Mongoose Flat, 1944-45) (Aug-Nashville, TN). Wesley Gaunce, 1724 Sterling Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239 (513) 931-3752

Marine Air Warning Sq. 7 (July-Minneapolis, MN). Robert Brown, 2405 N. Elm, Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 293-5913

Montford Point Marine Assn. (July-San Diego, CA). Brooks Gray, P.O. Box 12546, Philadelphia, PA 19151 (215) 877-5974

VMF 123 (Aug-Cincinnati, OH). Roscoe Pope, 407 Forest Ave., Erlanger, KY 41018 (606) 342-6618

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Mnemonics

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So much for the umbrella rules. Memory whizzes have a bagful of specific tricks to improve memory. These are the Big Three:

Organize what you want to remember. Set up a cataloging system in your mind for things you want to store there. If you want to remember a shopping list, divide the items neatly into meats, dairy products, produce, cereals or drug supplies. All lists-errands, inventories, speech and report sections—can be similarly organized. A few seconds of concentration can recall the facts quickly to your mind. Practice with a random six-item shopping list. Then move on to 10, 12, 20. (I've been at it only a few months and I'm already up to two dozen. I never write down a thing and come home without it.)

Use memory hooks. Nothing can help you remember new facts better than associating them with things you already know. A British psychologist named Sir Francis Galton discovered this phenomenon when he walked down Pall Mall in London, glancing at things along the way and associating them with mental images. He noted some 300 objects and, by calling to mind the pictures to which he had hooked them, was able to remember most.

These mental images, then, are like card catalogs in a library. When you connect any material with them, the information pops into your mind as soon as you conjure up the image. The sillier and more outlandish the picture, the easier you'll remember a fact. That's because words don't return to our conscious minds immediately, but pictures do.

Take names, a bugaboo for many people. When you meet a person, concentrate on the name, repeating it when you're introduced. Then make a conscious association with something utterly dopey, even a mite vulgar, to fix the name in your mind. If it's Wheeler, picture a head poking from the center of a giant wheel. If it's Steinmetz, visualize his arising from a foaming stein of beer. Connect a name with some wild physical or other feature: Biggerton is bigger than a ton of bricks, even if he's not; Richman is sitting on bags of money. Later, when you meet the person again, the image will recur to you, and with it the name.

Make your associations strong enough, ridiculous enough, says psychologist Russell, and you'll have no trouble recalling at least 20 names at the next affair or convention you attend. And more: you'll even remember them a long time afterward.

Create your own mnemonic aids. That's a jawbreaker phrase for memory crutches like "Thirty days hath September/April, June and November," which helped you know the number of days in the months. A failsafe technique for remembering almost anything better is to make up any word, sentence or rhyme involving the facts you want to recall.

The other day I had nine errands in one afternoon. Instead of organizing, I found it simpler to make a word out of them: potater. It stood for buying stamps at the post office, picking up glasses at the optician, getting a new pin for my tie clasp, dropping clothes at the tailor, taking my wife's earrings to the jeweler for a new clasp, and stopping to pick up a roast chicken for dinner. The "a" was excess baggage since I'd known there were only six jobs to do. No problem.

Other guidelines for remembering include:

- Utilize instant replay every time you learn something new-read a book, attend a class, hear a lecture. Review what you've learned in your mind. Put a book down after a chapter, close your eyes and put questions to yourself. On the way home after a class or talk, go over any material learned. You'll find this a lot more effective than rereading all the stuff later.
- Don't try to pack too much into your head. That's why they sell little notebooks and pencils. Jot down seldom-used numbers, names and other facts, and focus hard on the other things.

 Never try to learn anything with a weary head. Wait until you're fresh, and even then take short breaks at frequent intervals.

 Anything learned just before bedtime is retained in the memory best. That's because your subconscious mind gets to work on it while you're asleep.

Developing a strong memory isn't hard at all, but you've got to work at it. That's one fact you mustn't ever forget.

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Rapid Deployment Force

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About three battalions of the 82nd Airborne could be airlifted in within a week, with the remainder of the 15,000-man division arriving by the end of the second week.

It would take another two weeks to bring in the 101st Airborne Division with some of its helicopters.

The 24th Infantry Division with its heavy tanks and other armor would go by sea, requiring at least a month. In all, 95 percent of the RDF's supplies and equipment would have to be shipped by sea—a 12,000nautical mile voyage.

Gen. Volney R. Warner, head of the Readiness Command, says, "To reach maximum effectiveness, the RDF should be able to deploy twothirds of its combat units in the region within 20 days. But to do this would require a doubling of the Military Airlift's present fleet of 70 C-5's and 234 C-141's."

With what the RDF now has, Warner estimates that combat troops could be sustained for 30 to 60 days, assuming shipping would be available for heavier equipment. But the Navy's strategic sealift capability is down to only 63 amphibious-assault and cargo vessels, fewer than half the number of 10 years ago.

"If the Russians come over the border tomorrow morning, and you want us to get there tomorrow night, then we're going to have problems,' says Maj. Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley, chief of Air Force operations, plans and readiness. "On the other hand, if tensions build and we have two weeks' warning, we can get there.'

This margin may be on the short side. Some intelligence experts believe it would take at least a month's warning of an impending crisis for the RDF to mount an effective reaction force. In any event, the RDF's strategy calls for getting to the target area, if at all possible, before an aggressor can arrive in force.

General Warner admits the RDF could not "go to the Middle East right now and defeat a Soviet force equal to what they have in Afghanistan," or some 80,000 troops. "We're playing catch up for 10 years of lack of interest and that's going to take some doing," he told the Association of the U.S. Army. "We need not only more sealift and airlift but also the authority to draft people quickly if necessary to meet our long-standing

goal of readiness to fight 'one and one-half wars' at any time.

"Nonetheless," he said, "what is there is ready and it will go-no doubt in my mind."

Such reassurances from gung-ho military professionals have not stilled critics who contend that the RDF is fatally flawed.

Sen. William S. Cohen (R-ME), chairman of the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on seapower and force projection, has complained of the RDF's "hydra-headed command" which he said shows that little has been learned from the recent hostage rescue mission. Cohen also insisted that "a cardinal principle of U.S. military intervention in the Gulf must be avoidance of the kind of Vietnam-style, massive logistical presence on land that inevitably arouses the hostility of indigenous nationalism."

Another leading critic, Dr. Jeffrey Record of the Washington-based Institute for Policy Analysis, testified that in his opinion the RDF is "a standing invitation to military disaster-a disaster from which the military reputation of the United States. already battered by 30 years of defeats and miscarriages, would have difficulty recovering.'

In an 82-page study, Record called the Force, as currently constituted, "little more than a hodgepodge of improperly equipped and structured units lumped together under a confused command apparatus rent by unusually vicious and debilitating interservice rivalry for domination of the rapid deployment mission.'

Warning that an "outnumbered and outgunned" RDF could face defeat if pinned down by sizable Soviet Soviet-backed forces, Record called for its replacement by "a small. agile intervention force" drawn from the 188,000-man U.S. Marine Corps and commanded by a newly constituted 5th Fleet assigned to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf region. Such a Marine force, he noted, would not have to draw down U.S.-based units normally intended as NATO reinforcements. He also said the Marines have a Pentagon readiness rating of 70 percent compared to only 40 percent for other "general service" forces.

The Rapid Deployment Force's commander, Marine Lt. Gen. Paul X.

Kelley, concedes shortcomings in airlift and sealift. He also shares misgivings over the Force's divided chain of command. But he's confident that these problems can be resolved without subjecting the Force to destructive criticism. "No organization in military history has been misunderstood by so many people," Kelley told the Senate hearings. "No responsible person could logically call the RDF a 'paper tiger.' The RDF plans to have available, on a daily basis, a force which exceeds 200,000 young, hard-charging professional soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. In terms of deterrent capability and combat power, these forces represent some of the best our nation can currently muster-and, as it matures, the RDF gains increased recognition and respect from friends and foes alike.'

At 52, the lean, no-nonsense general has served with all four branches of military service. In an interview with The American Legion Magazine in his sparse, windowless office at MacDill, he exuded enough confidence in his embryonic Force to be "the first man off the first aircraft."

Yet, is the RDF a credible deterrent right now?

"In broad terms," said Kelley, "we can deny the Soviets the kind of 'free lunch' they had in Afghanistan. If I were sitting in the Politburo, I'd be examining the capabilities of the RDF very carefully. Equally important, I'd be looking at the will of the country that took the decision to create the RDF."

Said Kelley: "Only a year and a half ago, if you asked someone what the U.S. might do about meeting a crisis in the Middle East-Persian Gulf area, you'd get a rather blank stare. Today, you have a Force that is working together on all the hard problems we put away on the shelf for too many years."

The general acknowledges the need for a restructured command. Under the present setup, the Force is subordinate to the Readiness Command's C.O., an Army general. If dispatched to the Persian Gulf, the RDF would take orders from an Air Force general at European Command headquarters in West Germany. But operations in the Indian Ocean would come under the Pacific

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command in Hawaii headed by a Navy admiral.

Interservice rivalry for control of the RDF flared into the open at the Senate hearings in March. Kelley came out "for unity of command, clean and unencumbered lines of control. If you want clean lines, that should drive you toward a separate, unified command."

As Kelley told The American Legion Magazine, however, "a certain element (of rivalry) is always very healthy . . . You basically have four services competing for some fairly limited resources . . . But it's not a sinister type of rivalry. I don't know of any guy in uniform who doesn't put his country first.

"While I am quick to recognize the RDF's shortcomings," said Kelley, "I am impatient with those 'gloom and doom' experts who picture every Soviet soldier leaning forward and in the attack position—and who portray every serviceman and woman sitting back wringing their hands in desperation. This is an unwarranted indictment of the hundreds of thousands of superb young Americans in uniform today who still have the patriotism, guts, determination and professionalism to do the job.'

Kelley said the Force is learning as it goes along as fast as it can. He called "Bright Star," last fall's 12-day exercise in the Egyptian desert, a tremendous plus. "It also gave us an opportunity to experience 'real world' situations. There's no doubt in my mind now that if we're going to project a large force into the area by aircraft, we're going to need more bases. We're also going to need more strategic airlift."

"Bright Star" revealed a number of shortcomings in stark terms. It took four days to transport a battalion of 911 men from the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell. And a C-141 crashed in a midnight landing at Cairo West airfield, killing all 12 American servicemen aboard.

The exercise also brought out the critical need for adequate water supplies. "Water will be as important, if not more important, than ammunition in sustaining a force in the Middle East," says Brig. Gen. Carl Stiner, the RDF's chief of staff. "The last guy who had our problem was Rommel."

In 130-degree desert heat, each

soldier would need 12 gallons of water. Each KC-135 tanker plane would need more than 600 gallons of distilled water for its engines. All this means that scarce airlift space must be given to bulky water purification equipment and refrigeration units.

Also on the Pentagon's drawing boards are plans to replace the military's traditional jungle-green camouflage uniforms with desert browns. That could take three years. Also needed are more updated maps of the Middle East-Persian Gulf region. But Kelley says his men are being trained to "do more with less. We will not tolerate creature comforts at the expense of combat power," says Kelley.

To Kelley, as to other military leaders, a critical problem is the retention of qualified personnel in the services. "Most of our enlistees are bushy-tailed and patriotic," says Kelley. "But when they can't buy Mama the things she needs out of their paychecks, they're ultimately going to be driven out of the service."

An economist as well as a military professional, Kelley sees danger signals in the "alarmingly inflated" cost of today's sophisticated weapons. "What we're doing," he says, "is slowly but surely pricing ourselves out of business because we keep accommodating (to inflation) by buying fewer items."

Are we in danger?

"Yes," says General Kelley. "There's a danger that one of these days we'll wake up to find that we have so emasculated our general purpose forces that if and when we do have a super-power confrontation with the Soviet Union, we'll have only one option left. And that option will be to resort to strategic nuclear weapons. That would be the ultimate tragedy—a tragedy we seek to avoid with the Rapid Deployment Force."

There are some encouraging signs. The Administration's request to Congress for \$33.8 billion in additional military spending this year includes nearly \$1 billion more for the RDF. Next year, it should get \$4.5 billion to speed its buildup, including construction of expanded access facilities in Egypt, Oman, Somalia, Kenya and on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

If Congress goes along, the Rapid Deployment Force soon may become everything the name implies.

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A Tale Of Courage

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them form a battle line.

Finally, disengagement took place and troopers grouped to repair their forces. The Indians seized the chance to slip away. Joseph no longer led them toward the buffalo country, he now headed directly for the Canadian border across which he knew General Howard could not take his army.

No one knows how many Indians were killed at The Battle of Big Hole, but 30 were found in one tepee area. An Army report said 89 died, among them Joseph's wife. Howard lost 29 troopers, five civilian volunteers and had 44 seriously wounded. Col. John Gibbon, the front line commander, later wrote, "And here you find us, some killed, many wounded, but in no way discouraged. It was a gallant struggle. Who would have believed that those Indians would have rallied after such a surprise and made such a fight?" Later Gibbon also wrote, "Few of us will forget the wail of mingled grief, rage and horror which came from the Indian camp four- or five-hundred yards from us when the Indians recognized their slaughtered warriors, women and children."

Chief Yellow Knife, one of Joseph's battlefield leaders, later told why the Indians did not pursue the soldiers harder: "We did not charge. If we killed one soldier, a thousand would take his place. If we lost one warrior, there was no one to take his place."

In retrospect, it is now accepted that after Big Hole the war was lost for the Indians. However, the Indians under Joseph obviously did not accept this. Joseph and several lesser chiefs planned a raid soon after Big Hole which resulted in the capture of 200 mules and a great many—no one knows how many—Army horses. Joseph and the chiefs sent their warriors, four abreast, toward the troopers' camp during the dark hours. As expected, sentinels thought they were troopers in formation returning from a raid.

Thirty miles from Canada at a place called Bear Paws, the final battle of the war occurred. General Howard's force was far back along the trail, but Colonel Miles was close and he moved in on the poor position on Snake Creek that Joseph and Chief Looking Glass were forced to

defend. Miles' Seventh Cavalry, Fifth Infantry and his scouts—in addition to a group of Cheyenne Indians—led the attack. Despite poor positions, Indian marksmen picked off numerous soldiers and the attack bogged. Many Indians also were killed, including Ollokot, brother of Joseph.

With high losses, Miles was forced to turn the battle into a siege. Snow was falling. The Indians needed blankets and ammunition, but Joseph, ever the stately leader with the booming voice, hung on.

Colonel Miles, in his grab for glory, called for a parley with Joseph. There was agreement and the two met halfway between the battle lines. They sat on a buffalo robe as they spoke, but there was an immediate hitch. Joseph refused to have his warriors surrender all of their weapons. Just before Joseph was to start back for his camp, he was seized on orders of the colonel. In direct violation of the declared truce, Joseph was hobbled, rolled in a blanket and thrown to the ground among the mules and horses-humiliated. He was not injured, however.

Meanwhile, Lt. Lovell Jerome of Colonel Miles' command was captured by Chief Yellow Bull. The lieutenant, as was often the custom with forces led by Joseph, was well treated. He was allowed to keep his sidearms and hot food was sent into the Indian camp to him from the force of troopers. "I am treated like I am at home," Jerome said in a note sent to Miles. "I hope you are treating Chief Joseph as I am treated." Miles soon released Joseph in exchange for Jerome.

The situation for the Nez Perce worsened by the hour. Scores of warriors were slipping away to Canada from Joseph's encampment. Those that remained loyal were in no condition to wage war. Finally, Chief Joseph realized that the end had come. Joseph surrendered with the vow: "I will fight no more forever."

Miles led the final surrender negotiations, if, indeed, "negotiations" was the proper word. The Indians agreed to do what they were told. They laid down their arms, agreed to live peacefully, but kept many of their ponies for transportation. The Indians believed they would be sent back in the spring to Idaho, to a good area, although one not as pleasing to them as their homeland.

In the aftermath, much like other Indian war endings, some of those rather mild surrender terms were later hardened. Northwest settlers were fearful of the Indians returning to their areas and they made their fears known to politicians, generals and Indian bureau officials. And, of course, they coveted the fertile Indian lands.

After Bear Paws, the Nez Perce were taken to Fort Keogh for the winter. Months later, they were taken to Fort Leavenworth, KS, and then to Oklahoma near Tonkawa.

Within eight years only 268 of Joseph's band that once numbered more than 1,000 remained alive. The others had been killed in the war, killed by the Southwest heat, improper food, misery and heartache. Joseph, however, survived to become an American hero. His leadership in the lost cause, the grand way he conducted himself during the trek and afterwards, his manner of dealing with generals and politicians—all added to the aura about him.

Joseph kept the case of the Nez Perce always in front of the press, the politicians and the Presidents. He asked only that his people be allowed to return to their home—to the cool, clear mountain homeland of the Northwest; to be allowed to leave the flat, hot, humid, dry, endless plains of the Southwest.

In time, Colonel Miles became Joseph's sponsor and advocate. By then, Miles was the most famous general in the Army. Together, Joseph and Miles, aided by others, finally prevailed upon the authorities to let the surviving Nez Perce return to their beloved Northwest area. And there they live today.

Many live on Indian reservations, some near Lewiston. Others are scattered about in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana. And Chief Joseph—the man who led his people from one promised land in search of another and, finally, back again—died on September 21, 1904. He was honored in death for being the great American that he was; he was respected and admired as a man who did what he knew was right for his people—"Grave and dignified, he was a chief."

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The Deadly Lilliputions

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surgically if scraping with a knife blade won't yank it out. Months, even years after a sting, the barb can still do damage-especially to the eye if the sting was on an eyelid. Indeed, stinger removal is the first step in first aid for bee sting victims.

There are many other insects, but this general selection takes in the more dangerous ones. The danger is most real to the two million Americans who are ultrasensitive to insect or arachnid poisons. Among these, many insect-caused deaths occur each year, especially in southwestern areas, among children and the aged. The Midwest is also rife with stinging or biting bugs.

Avoidance of insects and alertness when around them is important. Don't examine nests or otherwise fool with bees, wasps, ants-especially our new import, the Fire Ant, which can cause a painful lesion.

Winged stinging insects are attracted by perfumes or suntan lotions (and especially by freshly opened oil paints), or anything that reminds them of flowers-such as bright clothes—or of the odors of insects they feed on. Many people get stung this way, and such scents or colors should not be worn in the outdoors or while camping. Regular, liberal use of a repellent can be of great value.

What can be done to ease the pain of bites or stings? Surprisingly, some of the old-time remedies weren't totally without merit. An 1862 homeremedy booklet, Doctor Chase's Recipes, tells how to treat a bee sting: "Press the hole of a key over the site to expose the stinger which must be removed. Give fifteen drops of hartshorn in half a wine glass of camomile tea, and cover the part stung with a piece of lint soaked in ammonia." Ammonia is one component of urine which was used by poor backwoods people. Household ammonia works fine on a cotton swab, and costly preparations usually contain it as the active ingredient.

First aid treatment for insect bites and getting medical help as quickly as possible are vital if the victim is having trouble breathing, is sweating profusely or appears unusually distressed by a bite or sting. Spiders like the Brown Recluse or Black Widow are extremely dangerous, and quick medical treatment is necessary. It's hard to spot spider bites but, as in the case of Black Widow bites, rigidity of muscles can be an indication, plus spreading, agonizing pain in all major muscles, nausea, vomiting, etc. But with the Brown Recluse, there is very little early pain. Yet, two hours after being bitten, my father felt shaky, sick, sweaty and was overcome with violent chills.

Scorpion bites are easier to spot—and feel. Two types of venom are very different, one being harmless, the other containing a powerful neurotoxin which can produce fatal reactions. The latter's sting produces a sharp prick, followed almost instantly by a tingling, pins-and-needles sensation that spreads rapidly. The harmless type produces swelling, but the deadly type does not. Lack of swelling, plus the tingly feeling, can mean serious danger! A physician should be sought as soon as possible.

For any insect bite, but especially bees, wasps, spiders and scorpions, ice is a true friend. Applied directly, it can slow the spread of venom while the victim is being transported. Tourniquets are tricky and not recommended by all doctors, but for scorpion stings, one placed just above the wound (if it's on the extremities) and immersion in ice water can retard the flow of venom. Remove the tourniquet after the limb has been in ice water five minutes. If one cannot be used, crushed ice around the sting site helps.

Specific antivenins—always the best treatment—are available for the more dangerous scorpions and for Black Widows, but not yet for the Brown Recluse—although a University of Arkansas scientist is at work on one now.

Venom-sensitive individuals are urged to wear medical tags explaining their allergy, and they should carry an epinephrine aerosol to inhale against future reactions. *Ana-Kits* should also be carried since immediate treatment is vital.

No article can hope to cover all the bases, but you owe it to your future survival to find out all you can about insect attacks, anaphylactic shock, allergic reactions and how to avoid such dangers. Also have your doctor prescribe an allergy kit.

Otherwise, you or a member of your family could well become a victim of the deadly Lilliputians.





Robots: There's One In Your Future

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By 1984, provided sufficient investment in research is encouraged by a potential market, household robots probably will be "playthings for the rich" who can afford to either build or remodel their homes to accommodate the machines.

Although "there is no way one could hope for a combination British butler, Japanese manservant, Irish maid and German cook," Engelberger says, there will be much for robots to do.

"First, it can do basic cleanup: scrubbing floors, washing windows, dusting, vacuuming, etc. All of these activities would be programmed and stored in the robot's memory bank," says Engelberger.

"The robot could mix and serve cocktails, pass around snacks and serve at the table," he continues, noting, in some ways, robots can outdo their human counterparts.

"In its memory would be a complete household inventory, down to the condiments at hand and their age. Keeping the larder stocked could be done by the robot's computer in direct communication with that of the supermarket. If the lady of the household wanted to cook some exotic dish, she could feed the recipe to the robot and it would gather the ingredients, ordering anything not on hand."

On a rainy day, the robot could double as a teacher or playmate.

"The family could rent chess-playing software and have on hand a chess adversary of any chosen skill level. Or, one could choose to make the robot a Monopoly or Scrabble adversary," says Engelberger.

While robots may create a more pleasant lifestyle for us, it may be up to their space-borne counterparts to preserve it. When the resources here are gone, there's only one place left to turn—outer space. Scientists have offered some intriguing possibilities.

- Since 1968, Peter Glaser of Arthur D. Little, Inc., has been studying a solar power satellite that could beam to earth, via microwaves, an amount of power equal to that of at least two Hoover Dams. With refined technology and an adequate transportation system, these could be in place by the end of the century.
- Gerard K. O'Neill, a Princeton University physicist, has described

orbiting space stations housing as many as 10,000 workers. Following a 1975 conference on space colonies, attended by representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, O'Neill commented that "with good direction and high priority, but not under 'crash program' conditions, I estimate that the first space manufacturing facility could be in place with its productive capacity working by about 1988."

• In-space processing of steel, mined in asteroids for import to earth, has been studied and, according to Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor K. Eric Drexler, with sufficient technological developments and desire, the first deliveries could arrive by 2000.

Transporting materials between the earth, orbiting construction sites and asteroid mines promises to be one of the big ticket items. How can we afford to build the facilities to house the construction crews that will build solar power stations and floating factories? Knowing that nothing will ever be less expensive than it is right now, how do we ever make space profitable?

"A promising approach might follow the one being pursued (elsewhere) in society, that is, using increased levels of automation through machine intelligence, robotics and teleoperator (remotely controlled machines) technology," suggests Dr. Ewald Heer, technical manager of the Robotics and Space Mechanics program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA.

Construction robots could help bring costs in line by reducing the size of construction crews and eliminating the need for extensive support facilities, Heer believes. Transportation costs might also shrink. Only those parts that can't be obtained and processed in space need be shipped from earth. Even then, using bulk materials to fabricate parts at the site could shrink costs.

Heer describes his vision of robots' roles in space.

"Systems such as large space antennas, satellite power systems and space stations will require large and complex construction facilities in space. The shuttle can deliver some (parts). Others will need heavy-lift

launch vehicles to bring bulk materials to a construction platform where components can be manufactured using automated machines.

"The structural elements will be handled by teleoperated or automatic cranes and manipulators that emplace components and join them. Free-flying robots can transport structural pieces between the shuttle or the fabrication site and the assembly site and connect them."

If a lunar base should be needed, robots could build that too.

"An automated system might launch the base building project," says Heer. "After a site survey by robotic rovers, an automated minifactory could be placed on the moon. It would collect solar energy and use it to extract oxygen, metals and glass from lunar soil delivered by rovers.

"It would automatically produce stockpiles in preparation for the main construction operation. The base would be built using automated equipment and robots, in part, drawing on the stockpiles and performing construction operations similar to those used in earth orbit (where some materials are delivered to the site). After construction, general purpose robots would do maintenance and repair. Once established, the lunar base would use many types of industrial automation in its work."

When does Heer expect to see enough interest and investment to turn our attention to the potential of the cosmos?

"I think when some of our resources are depleted or sufficiently scarce," he answers.

It was in 1922 that the word "robot" (meaning "worker" in Czech) was added to the English language. Czechoslovakian playwright Karel Capek, in his play "Rossum's Universal Robots," envisioned using artificial protoplasm to build a duplicate human whose only function was to work in the service of man.

Capek's vision is now a reality, although gears and computers have replaced his artificial protoplasm. Heer estimates that robots of one sort or another are already doing the work of 400 million people, and, he notes, "The man/machine symbiosis is moving with ever-increasing speed toward more automation."

And where will it stop? Nobody knows.

Letters

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melting pot boiling the teaching in our schools must be in English only, leaving the second language to the choice of students at their expense.

> ELIA ROVETO Long Island City, NY

School Prayer

I could not disagree more with the Commander's Message "Prayer in Public Schools" (April). First of all, prayers have no place in public schools. Our society and our schools are pluralistic and to expect, for example, a Hindu to utter a Catholic prayer would be wrong. Religion belongs in the church of one's choice and should be practiced in his daily life. The privilege of not praying is also granted by our Constitution and that right also must be protected.

CARL WILLUWEIT Lombard, IL

 I wish to join a host of other Americans in highest praise of the Commander's Message "Prayer in Public Schools." It is unfortunate that we do not have men of this caliber and intelligence in the Supreme Court. which seems intent on abolishing the Christian foundation upon which this country was founded.

> P. L. WILLIAMS Hendersonville, NC

Et Ceteras

With reference to Edgar Grunwald's "News To Use" and the item entitled "Homework Can Cut New Car Costs" (April), as a WWII veteran and a member of the automobile dealers, I am disheartened that an honorable magazine dedicated to fairness and good ethics should resort to such a tactic to attack the automobile industry. Why make us the object of your attack? I must have a profit to pay my bills and my 34worker payroll-so they can pay their bills, including their dues to the American Legion.

RICH HODGSON Abderdeen, SD

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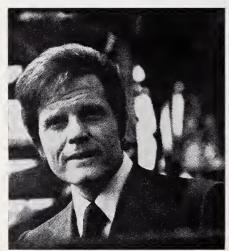
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Vietnamese cooperation in accounting for the missing.

Throughout the eight long years since the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the families of the men have found it necessary to intensify their struggle to obtain an accounting. For the past ten years, The American Legion has donated administrative and legislative assistance as well as office space to the National League of POW/MIA Families. The Legion's support and that of other such organizations is an integral part of the League's present optimism that their goal is now in reach.

Keith Baker, POW/MIA National Committee Chairman for The American Legion suggests concerned citizens can help by writing letters to Hanoi to demonstrate that the return of prisoners and cooperation on the accounting for the missing is a concern to all Americans. Letters to the President and Members of Congress, supporting action on the POW/MIA issue, are also suggested.

Those wishing to further demonstrate concern for their missing comrades and at the same time help the League financially may wish to wear a POW/MIA pin on their lapel or hat. The pin can be obtained by sending \$3.00 and a stamped, selfaddressed envelope to: POW/MIA Families, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.



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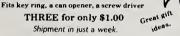
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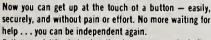


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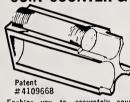
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Supreme Sacrifice

A red-blooded American patriotic-type fellow went for his physical examination only to be told the sad news—he had only six months to live. "Well then," the patriot declared, "I shall become a Communist."

"A Communist!" exclaimed the doctor. "But why?"

The doomed man's response rang with conviction: "Better that one of them should die than one of us!"

-MATTHEW DANIEL

Supply-Side Slip Up?

The sociology professor was discussing the population explosion with the class. "If you lined up all the people in China four abreast," he said, "and marched them over a cliff, the line would never end." One student looked blank, whereupon the professor explained. "The population, you see, would grow faster than they could go over the cliff."

The student thought for a moment and said, "But how could it? They'd be marching."

-MICHAEL COGHLAN

Same Ball Game

A minister, walking through the lobby of a hotel one morning, recognized a ballplayer he knew by sight. He sauntered over to the player, introduced himself and said: "One thing I've always wondered. Why must you play ball on Sunday?"

"Well, Reverend," smiled the player, "Sunday is our biggest day—we get the best crowds—take in more money—and after all, Sunday is your biggest day too, isn't it?"

With a nod of understanding, the minister explained: "But there's a little difference. You see, I'm in the right field."

The ballplayer brightened and responded, "So am I, and ain't the sun hell out there?"

-Kara Williams

Academic Perfection

Two disillusioned college presidents were discussing what they'd do if they had their lives to live over.

"I think I'd like to run an orphanage," said one. "No parents to contend with."

"I'd rather run a penitentiary," said the other. "No alumni pressure groups."

-EDWARD FOWLER

Little Gray Home in Smogland

Approaching Los Angeles Airport from Denver, a passenger suddenly jumped from his seat and began running from one side of the plane to the other. Asked by the stewardess what the problem was, he replied, "Oh, nothing's wrong. I was just checking the freeways to decide which one to take home."

-SHARON CONNOR

The bathtub was invented in 1850, and the telephone in 1875. Had you lived in 1850, you could have sat in the bathtub for the next 25 years without having the phone ring once.

-DAVID DOUGLAS

Parental Guidance

A young lady was doing a survey in a housing project. She asked one elderly man if he participated in sports.

"No, my parents won't let me," the oldster replied.

"Your parents?" questioned the young lady.

"Yes, Mother Nature and Father Time."

-Martha J. Beckman

Small boy to Dad reading bedtime story, "Fiddlers three? Don't you mean a three-piece string combo?"

-ROBERT PATRICK

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